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Missy House Boston
Jan 31. 1853

Mis. House [illegible]
Jan 30. 1853

To Geo. L. Weed
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir

The [illegible] of the Choctaw mission, under a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] by the Agency, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the Choctaws. [illegible] [illegible] whether the Agency [illegible] or not. If not, will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] them by [illegible] or by any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the mission? If you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible] Boston
[illegible]

Dear Brother

Your favour of the [illegible] has not till leisure to answer till today. In regard to [illegible] documents which we have published, I will send the 'Herald' which contains [illegible] my report of the famous letter of June 22. '48; also [illegible] the letters of the Choctaw mission, & the one of the [illegible] the mission.

My report will give you the facts. The letter of June 22 '48 contains the views of the Prud. Com. at the present time. Not one [illegible] or principle had been given up. Without any [illegible] for it, the Com. declared their adherence to it & its sentiments, after it had been thoroughly [illegible]; & there they stand now. It may be said that the Board have not endorsed the letter. True, but that is not necessary. After the opinions of the Com. are declared, the silence of the Board is a virtual ratification, for it leaves them in full force.

The 3 letters of the missions will show what ground the brethren took. It was found that the Choctaw mission had expressed their views unequivocally; hence they took the ground of the

[illegible] Abolition [illegible] do you [illegible] fact [illegible] of [illegible] point of the difference [illegible] very much [illegible] first, [illegible] the point [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] we [illegible] principal [illegible]. As to the first, we [illegible] on the principles of the Constitution [illegible] the greatest [illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible] to the [illegible]; [illegible] we [illegible] not [illegible] to [illegible] disturb the [illegible] capacity, but we shall [illegible] after [illegible] of Christianity, we [illegible] the [illegible] to the churches. As to the second, I have to say [illegible] not a little [illegible] & [illegible] have been [illegible] in [illegible] fact. Whenever we have done any thing [illegible] seemed to call for our notice, we have [illegible] it promptly. I do not know that any principle [illegible] of yours [illegible] has been violated in [illegible]. What more can be asked?

But why keep so quiet? Because we cannot work out the problem well in any other way. I have heard statements of a [illegible] character, which I should like to hear. They would at once relieve many minds, but I shall not give them to the world, because it defeats the object which we wish to accomplish. Suppose you were organizing a plan for the abolition of slavery in a slave state. Would you tell all the world what you were about, and so invite the great pro-slavery interests in its defence? I know not.

we have suffered a good deal of reproach; & we expect to suffer more: for we shall be slow before [illegible] of the objects, seeking to make our own rest [illegible] unacceptable. But we desire that there also [illegible] as well as its honesty. That there be no perversion of statements, such as we had lately in the Bos. Missionary; that there be no misstatement of matters, unless there is [illegible].

It has been charged upon us, that we [illegible] the good people at Troy in the Indian missions to cover up the slavery question. I hope they [illegible] false, because the whole thing was conceived in my own brain.

An attempt is sometimes made to convey the idea that the Albany Cong. Convention went far beyond our position. This is a mistake. The ground taken at Albany, properly understood, is the same that we took four years before.

Affectionate respects to Mrs. C.

Very truly
Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 1. 1853.

Mr. C. L. Bing
N. J. Seminary.

Dear Brother

I have consulted with the Prud. Com. in regard to your attending a course of medical lectures at Philadelphia next year, and they & I think favorably of it. Perhaps it is not best to decide the matter finally now, as Providence may show some other way before the time shall have come, but unless something unexpected occurs, they will approve that course. Let us look to the Lord for his guiding favor & presence; & we shall then be safe. Good news from Micronesia. The Lord has gone before those dear brethren. Yours truly, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb 7. 1853

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 7. 1853.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca—

Dear Brother

Your letter to Mr Hill has been placed in my hands; & the matter of the $105.25 then laid before the Com[tee]. They make an additional allowance to that amount, to be paid from the unexpended money which you mention. This, I suppose, will meet your wishes.

We move on here as usual. The Boston churches are advancing in their collections for the Board very materially. The news from Ahmednuggur is good. The mission is fairly commenced, two stations are established, in process [illegible]. Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all the rest

Yours very truly S. B. Treat

[illegible]
[illegible] Boston
Feb 7 1853

Mr Augustine Root
~~[illegible]~~
Marietta, Ohio

Dear Sir

Your note to Mr Anderson came into my hands about 12 M. I did not see the bearer of it; but I went to Dr Jeffries, my physician, & requested him to go to Taunton; but he cannot to-day. He advises you to seek the best medical aid in T.; he says there are very good physicians there; & then, should his presence be needed, he will visit Mary Ann. He is decidedly in favor of this course.

Should you have occasion to call Dr Jeffries, you had better send or send to him ~~[illegible]~~ 15 Chestnut St. as you will be more likely to get him immediately.

Assure Mary Ann of my profound sympathy in her illness, & of my earnest prayer that God may still raise her up to the enjoyment of perfect health.

As I wish to get this letter into the P. O. in season for the mail this P. M. I close in haste,

Truly yours,
W. B. [illegible]

Mission House, Boston
Feb. 7, 1853

Rev. C. Bingham,
Marietta, Ohio

Dear Brother

On the 10th of Jan. I [illegible] to yours of the 14th what the letter [illegible], as you requested. On the 11th of Jan. I answered yours of Dec. 27, & directed the reply to Cincinnati, as you requested. As I have heard nothing from you since, I had supposed that you had set out on your return, & were perhaps almost among the [illegible] again. This morning, however, I have received a line from Mr Potter, in which he says that he has heard nothing from you, since you wrote to him that you could not leave as soon as you intended. He is evidently surprised at your silence, & so am I.

I fear, dear brother, that something has befallen you, that sickness or some accident has overtaken you. If you are able to write, I shall be glad to hear from you; & if you are not able, perhaps Mrs B. will drop me a line, telling me how you are & where you are.

[illegible] quite mysterious that Providence should keep you so long in those parts, when you are so much needed at [illegible].

Kind regards to Mrs B.

Most truly yours, in the bonds of the Gospel, S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible] [illegible]
Aug. 9. 1853

Mr. W. [illegible]
[illegible] N. J.

Dear Brother

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the 2d. that you [illegible] on your way to the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]; but I [illegible] not the reason of it.

I am very sorry [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you did not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for you.

[illegible], [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Miss. Rooms Boston
Feb. 9. 1853

Miss Esther Smith,
Cherokees —

Miss. Rooms Boston
Feb. 9. 1853

Messrs. Eldridge Witt & Stewart
Washington, D.C.

Gent.

We have been hoping, for a long time, to hear of the final adjustment of the Osage buildings. Is there to be no settlement of the question during this administration? If the Govt will not decide the matter, they ought at least to let us have the Hightower money. We should have hardly consented to the deposit, had we anticipated so much delay.

We shall be glad to be informed of the state of the case, & especially that a fair & equitable settlement has been made.

Very respectfully yours
S. B. Treat [illegible]

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Miss. Hoppin Boston
Feb. 9. 1853

Miss Esther Smith,
Cherokees. —

Dear Miss S.

Your letter of Dec. 20 has been duly received, & laid before the Pru. Com.ee & they give their ready & cheerful assent to your visiting New England the coming spring, provided that the interests of your school can be properly cared for, as, I suppose they may. I hope & pray that your journey may be prosperous, & that your intercourse with kindred & friends may pleasant & profitable.

I shall hope to see you at my house, during your sojourn in the East. If you can stop with me, 3 Bolyston Place, early in the season, I shall be gratified; as my family generally leave the city in July & are absent a few months. Please to invite Mr & Mrs Palmer to stop at my house; as I shall be glad to see them.

I remain as ever
most truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss Hines Report
Feb 11 1853

Rev. C. Teele
Cherokee

Dear Brother

Your favor of Dec. 25. as also Mrs T's note from Cincinnati, were received in due time. I rejoice that the good hand of our God was upon you so remarkably, in giving you a prosperous journey by his will. It is not often that missionaries to the Choctaws & Cherokees have so speedy & favorable a passage; as you will have learned by this time.

As Miss Smith has requested leave to visit New England next summer, with Mr & Mrs. Palmer, the Com^ee have thought it right that she should have the privilege, after her long service. I take it for granted that the school will be so cared for, as not to suffer materially through her absence. The note which I send herewith, relates to this subject.

I have seen Mr & Mrs. Richardson in regard to Henry's going to Fairfield. Though your plan will probably increase our expenses for the Cherokee mission a little, I have favored your wishes; & I hope he will set out within the next three weeks, not waiting for Mr Willey, concerning whose designs I know nothing. We are anxious to avoid the

Miss [illegible]

employment of other labor, especially female, & are are setting [illegible] a little extra expense for the [illegible], an arrangement that will be satisfactory to you & Mrs. S.

By this time, as I hope & trust, you are beginning to feel somewhat at home. You will find that there is a good deal of [illegible]; but be careful not to overdo. Rome was not built in a day; & your work may well be regarded as a thing that requires time.

And be not discouraged, because some things are not as you would have them. If matters were just as you could wish, we should not send missionaries to the Cherokees. You & your brethren are there to make the crooked straight, with the divine blessing. Labor on, therefore, with courage & hope. He is faithful whom you serve.

Let your heart be fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Rest upon him & in him, feeling that he has all your burdens, as he has in fact; & he can bear them easily, as he does [illegible]. And the more trials you have, the more you will be shut up to him, in whom you can never be straitened.

Hope to hear from you soon; and if you are not a good correspondent, I shall expect Mrs. T. to supply your lack of service.

Affectionate regards to her

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Gods holy Word; & it gives me great peace. In fact, it [illegible] upon the whole plan of salvation. I see a fitness & a splendor in the work of redemption that I never [illegible] [illegible] see. I try to put my trust in Christ, as a poor, weak, worthless mortal,

Rev. Wm Hall,
Seneca —

Yours of the [illegible] I was very glad to receive, especially [illegible] information as to the state you were at home; [illegible] I had rather expected to hear of your [illegible] among the Cherokees; but it is better that you preach to the Senecas, if the Lord gives you strength therefor. May he give you the blessing in full measure!

I have read what you say in regard to your spiritual state with deep interest. I have a suspicion that you do not direct your thoughts enough to a simple, child-like, unwavering trust in Christ. If we look at our own doings, we shall find no peace; because they are all misdoings. Our comfort is not to come from our personal righteousness, but from "the Lord our righteousness." And this is the beauty & glory of redemption. Weak, sinful, wayward creatures can be saved, thro the all-sufficiency of Christ. And they can be saved, & be happy in the appreciation thereof, notwithstanding their imperfections & shortcomings.

I think I have learned Mr Adam [illegible] from

God's holy word; and it gives me great peace. In fact, it throws new lustre upon the whole plan of salvation. I see a fitness & a splendor in the path of redemption that once I could not see. I try to put my trust in Christ, as a poor, weak, worthless mortal, feeling that he must help, or I am lost; & then I have comfort & joy, with a hope of heaven, that nothing would purchase. Go then, & do likewise, dear brother, if you have not done it. But I know you have. Confine your thoughts, then, more to that one all sufficient source of peace; & I am sure you will have it.

I rejoice that Ephraim has given his young heart to the Lord. May he be kept to the end; & he may become an instrument of great good to this lost world!

I am sorry to hear that Mrs Hall is not well. I hope she will enjoy better health hereafter. But if she does not, we know who will have ordered her ways, & measured out her joys & her sorrows. It is good to place all our cares & pains & trials in his holy keeping.

Affectionate regards to Mrs H. & the children

Fraternally
Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Feb 14. 1853

Mr B. F. Hall,
Seneca—

Dear Brother

Another bundle of clothing has been sent to Buffalo for your boarding school, from the Park St. [illegible] Miss. Soc. which you will find there, if you have not yet received it. As you seem to be well supplied, I suppose no more will be sent at present.

I congratulate you on the return of your brother. I pray the Lord to spare him for the work of preaching Christ through many years. Kind regards to Mrs Hall

Very truly

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S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Feby 11th 1865

Mr. G. Rollinson
Tasmania

Dear Brother

Yours of Jan. 6 I have read with great pleasure; & as a portion of it was particularly adapted to our Daily Publications, I have let him use it therefor. I am glad to hear that you have so much to encourage you; & I pray that you may see yet greater things. I have had some fears that there might be a "falling-away" among your church members, after such a large increase; because it would be no new thing under the sun; but the Good Shepherd seems to have protected you from any Epidemic desertion.

Why should not the gospel [illegible] be complete in your history & all who are still [illegible], the

gathered into the fold of Christ:
have you seen any reason? You have
a larger proportion of church mem-
bers than almost any community in
the world; why not then? Means
[illegible] that I am [illegible]. Let this
become a subject of thought & pray-
er. The [illegible] of the people will [illegible]
into the idea of duty, with their
whole heart, the salvation of the whole
tribe, & they show the whole church
what might be achieved among
them. What a lesson for the Indian
to teach his red brother! How much
good may be accomplished in this
way! Is it not worth an effort,
earnest, prayerful & persevering?
Christian greetings to the ch.
& the children

Yours, fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb 14. 1853

Miss M. J. F. Thayer
Tuscarorah[?]

Dear Miss T.

Your favor of Feb. 9 apprising me of your return to Mt. Hope, & I am happy to learn that you have resumed your labors in such favorable circumstances. May the blessing of the Lord be with you & your precious charge ever more.

I have spoken to Mr Hill in regard to the $30. Mr. Bockwood[?] can pay you this amount, & charge it in his next account. Mr. Shaw[?] no doubt, he will willingly do—

I remain, as ever,
most sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 13th. 1853

Mr. E. L. King
N. Y. Seminary.
Mr. P. O. [illegible],
St Francis. —

Dear Brother

Your favor of Feb. 10. has been duly received. In view of the considerations which you present in reference to the medical course, I do not feel like saying any thing more. The subject of health I regard as most important however; for I think that the little knowledge you might acquire, would be of some service.

It has occurred to me that you might obtain from some physician a degree of assistance that would be valuable. Suppose, after the term closes, in your native place or elsewhere, you ask such an one to put you in the way of learning those things which it is best for you to know. Let him direct you to books, & give you advice; so that you may have some general idea about diseases & remedies; & afterwards then consult books & practice. How does this strike you?

In reference to marriage, we think it best for missionaries to postpone this matter as long as may be; so as to bring it as near the time of departure, as is consistent. I should regard September as a proper [illegible] for it. It is possible that you may not go [illegible] for want of [illegible].

Very truly Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb 15 1853

Rev. P. P. [illegible],
St Francis

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 2 was duly received; & this afternoon I laid it before the Pru. Com.ee When the advance of $200 was made, we hoped that there would be no occasion for another departure from our usual course; & we are sorry that you feel obliged to come to us with a similar request again.

Still the Com.ee are disposed to do something for your relief. You have received $200 of your salary this year; & $50 remain unpaid, which would regularly be due next summer. This the Com.ee consent to advance; & also $50 on the next year's salary. So that you are authorized to draw immediately for $100. We hope this will suffice; & that hereafter you will receive your support as others do.

I am sorry that you are not able to report a better state of things among your people. My heart is pained that the Indians around you still refuse to receive the true gospel, & that your

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church over an settling differences. at... in labor & joy, diligently & earnestly. that a change may come. Oh that the arm of the Lord might be revealed in your church — that all might turn unto the Lord!

And how is it with your own soul? Is your heart warm with love to Christ? And are you mourning over the indifference of poor sinners? How mistaken ... Oh without Christ, there no hope beyond the grave! And we should not forget that the time is short. What we do, we must do quickly. Pray, brother, pray without ceasing!

Kind regards to your wife & her sister. Mrs Treat's health, & other things [illegible] enjoy.

Your brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat

Mill. Hounds
Feb. 19. 1853

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca –

Dear Brother

Bro. Potter has written to me in regard to allowing $300 to be expended in the erection of a cottage at Cornwall, to be occupied by yourself & him, & as you have the plan fully in your mind, I will not describe it.

The request is rather novel; for we are not in the habit of building houses, except for the occupancy of our missionaries. And yet I can easily see that the plan may be a good one. Our Com^e are averse to dealing in real estate, unless there are good & strong reasons therefor; hence if the question is to come before them, they will want all the facts in the case.

I should like to know, therefore, whether you think the plan a good one, & whether you desire to have it carried into execution, & also what are the pros & cons. And let me suggest some points to be illustrated & made clear.

1. What are the practical difficulties on the present plan?

2. How far will they be removed by the proposed erection of a cottage?

[illegible]

[illegible] a good deal of [illegible]

[illegible]

How much time will you [illegible] at [illegible] for [illegible]

I am very thankful [illegible] [illegible] questions. [illegible] I think you had better [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Very truly

Yours

[illegible]

Mission House Boston.
Feb. 1[illegible]. 1853.

Rev. G. H. Pond,
Minnesota Ter.

Dear Brother

From my letter of Oct. 28. you will hardly expect to hear from me again in regard to your return. But it may be well for me just to say, that the members of your mission have so far expressed their concurrence in the step you have decided to take, that the conditions mentioned in my last letter, combined with the regard [illegible] you, therefore, is no longer [illegible] [illegible].

I must state here, however, that your work among the Dakotas is not finished. A brighter day may yet come.

Affectionate regards to [illegible]
Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 19. 1853

Rev. A. Hitchcock,
Augusta Mich.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Feb 14 I have just received, through Mr. Anderson, to whom it was addressed. I am not aware that there is to be a vacancy among the female teachers in the Cherokee mission. Miss Smith has leave of absence for next summer; but she expects to return in the fall, as I suppose.

As to the other ladies, I have had no intimation of their purpose to retire. Should either of them do so, I will keep Miss Hurlbut in mind.

Very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Feb. 19. 1853

Rev. G. H. Pond,
Dakotas. —

Dear Brother

As I am sending a note to your brother, I will acknowledge the receipt of yours of Jan. 7. I am glad to hear of your books; I got them. They are noted out to you by one who loves you best of all. May they be greatly blessed to the "inner man"; wherein we need to be strengthened with all might. Eph. 3:16.

If your efforts are [illegible] by your misfortune, the Com^e will cheerfully make an extra allowance. Mr. Williamson's family have been sorely tried; but I hope they will escape actual suffering. May all these things work out the good of the Mission.

Kind regards to both. Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Feb. 22. 1853.

Mr. Geo. L. Weed,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir

The bearer, Henry Richardson, is a nephew of Rev. Mr. Teele, of the Cherokee mission. He is going to Fairfield, to aid Mr Teele in secular matters. He will need some money, also a passage down the river, which I trust you will procure for him. Please to take charge of him till he leaves, put him aboard a steam boat, & give him such directions as he will want for his further guidance.

Very truly

yours

S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Feb. 22. 1853

Dr. R. L. Dodge,
[illegible] Creek. Ark.

Dear Sir

The bearer, Henry Reading, Jr., is the nephew of Rev. Mr. Teeks of the Cherokee mission. He is on his way to Fairfield, to assist his uncle in secular matters. He may need to be put forward on his journey by your friendly aid. If so I will thank you to do what is needful to get him to Van Buren.

Kind regards to Mrs. Dodge.

Very [illegible]
respectfully
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 2 [illegible] 1853

Rev. Mr. Marshall,
Van Buren, Ark.

Dear Sir

The bearer, Henry Richardson, is the nephew of Rev. Mr. Teele, whom you saw recently on his way to Fairfield. Henry is going to the same place to assist his uncle. He may need some advice & aid in getting thither. If so, I shall be much obliged to you for any favor you may do him. I shall write Mr. Teele to send a letter to Van Buren giving directions, &

Yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 22. 1853

Rev. E. Teale,
Cherokees.

Dear Brother

Henry Richardson is expecting to start on the 28th. I have given directions for his journey to Van Buren; also letters to Gen. Weeds Dodge, & Rev. Mr. Marshall.

I think you had better write to Mr. Marshall at Van Buren, or to Henry, care of Mr. Marshall, saying how he is to get to Fairfield. If no letter shall arrive, he will go to Mr. Ranney's in the best way he can.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. T. Remember "Hope, faith, charity."

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible] House, Boston
Feb 2[illegible]. 188[illegible].

T. S. Williamson [illegible] House, Boston
Dakota. Feb 2[illegible] 188[illegible].

Rev. J. [illegible]
Greenwood -

Dear Bro.

The request that [illegible] Martha [illegible] Shaw [illegible] might be admitted as an assistant missionary of the Board was laid before the Com[illegible] yesterday, & they have cheerfully assented to your wishes. They'll be [illegible] such as we formerly require. They were deemed sufficient in the circumstances.

The matter of a house in Greenwood I did not bring up yesterday. I have written to Bro. Riggs, & shall wait to hear from him. If he makes a good plea for a house as good as yours, I think the Com[illegible] will say "Go on"; but I am not quite sure.

Kind regards to all. Yours in [illegible]

[illegible]

P. S. [illegible]

My dear Butler

Your letter of four pages I received five days ago; & I must own myself that I was deeply affected by it. While reading it I read the most unfortunate [illegible] the Rich'd Com[illegible] & I have seldom seen any kind & sympathizing body of men so deeply moved. I am commanded by them to express their profound sympathy in the trials of yourself & family, & especially in the sufferings of [illegible] & [illegible]. Could we have prevented that thing from coming upon you we should hold ourselves inexcusable; but as neither you nor we could have foreseen the result, we can only say, It is of the Lord: & the incomprehensible wisdom he has laid this burden upon you; & I trust that he will add the grace [illegible], to yourself & [illegible] for you & all with you. And may [illegible] become the means of the [illegible] that [illegible] our friends; & the blessing [illegible] perfection [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] which he has called us [illegible]

[illegible] encouraged [illegible] the [illegible]. Certainly [illegible] not [illegible] in [illegible]. It is clearly providential, & without any fault on your part, that we can have no hesitation as to our duty in the case. We will [illegible] you to supply what you have lost, at our expense, so far as you may find it needful [illegible]. We do not wish you therefore to continue your simple & humble diet, any longer than it shall be necessary. We never practice economy in that direction. Substantial & wholesome food is cheaper in the end than any thing else.

It would give us great pleasure to hear that these trials were followed by the turning of the Indians unto the Lord. It is possible that in His wisdom there may be some ultimate connection between the two things. "He is wonderful in counsel & excellent in working." Should our faith be able [illegible] it, how soon shall we see great things among these sons of the forest!

But even if we never see this thing I shall not consider the mission a failure. Were we to keep on (say) five years longer, with no important results, & then give up in despair, I should feel that the efforts of the Board, though not realizing its aims, had not by any means been in vain. There is a rich significance in the words of Christ, "She hath done what she could." If this can be said of you, it is far better than mere success. It is the [illegible] of the great & [illegible] [illegible].

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[illegible] a [illegible] of your [illegible]
[illegible] in the Journal.
[illegible] may your [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] in your [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Your brother in the
common salvation

[illegible]

Miss. Rooms Boston
March 1 1853

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas—

Dear Brother

The matter of the Seneca college I brought before the Pru. Com. They authorize you & Bro. [illegible] to expend $300 as you propose. They think that you had better purchase for the Board, in the circumstances. You can go ahead therefore, & have a house of your own on Seneca

I am glad to hear that there are some signs of good among the Senecas. Kind regards to Mrs W. &c &c

Yrs truly
S. B. Treat—

Miss. House Boston
March 1, 1853

Rev J. Potter,
Seneca — Dear Brother

I received a letter from Bro. Dwight this morning, answering sundry questions in regard to the Gowanda lots plan; & this afternoon I brought the matter before the Comee. They assent to your making the purchase, as you propose, & allow you to draw $300 therefor. They do this, especially, to give you a fair chance to learn the Senecas.

Kind regards to Mrs P. Mrs Stone, Mrs Edwards, Miss Moss & the children

Sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms. Boston
March 5, 185[illegible]

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokees.—

Dear Brother

Your letters of Dec. 28, Jan. 5, 6, & 19, are before me; & I avail myself of a little comparative leisure to make a brief reply.

Your statements in regard to your salary, expenses, &c. I am glad to have in my possession. I can better appreciate the difficulties of the case than before; though I have never questioned in the least the desire of yourself & Mrs. W. to be strictly economical. And we can ask nothing more than that you "try to expend less," &c.

As to the nature of your salaries, I ought to say perhaps, that you in the Indian territory stand upon the same footing as other missionaries having salaries. The standard in all cases is an economical support; & we donot intend to allow any thing for "laying up against a rainy day." The contingencies of infirmity, unprovided families, &c, we meet in another way. Still it sometimes happens that of two persons receiving the same salary, in the same circumstances, one will have a small surplus at the end of the year, while the other may be in debt, owing to a difference in their habits of economy. The surplus, in the former case, we donot claim as the property of the Board, though if it should amount to

[illegible] of [illegible] instructions of [illegible]. [illegible] of fact. Such a [illegible] from the missionary [illegible] come [illegible] at the end of the year [illegible] a small surplus [illegible] in the [illegible] of the [illegible].

Occasionally, I thought, rarely, we find that a man has been "laying up" or [illegible] our knowledge? Such matters are not [illegible] with the Board, & in case of any subsequent [illegible] allowance, &c, the sum accumulated is taken into the account.

The question which I put in regard to the comparative salaries of the Choctaw & Cherokee missions, was meant to apply to "like circumstances". I am pretty sure that your salaries are higher than those of the Choctaw brethren, all things considered. Why, I am not certain; & perhaps I shall not resolve the problem.

I am much obliged to you for the statement you have sent me in regard to printing. I did not understand the question before. I will not go into the matter at the present time, perhaps there will be no occasion for any thing so formidable. I hope, however, you will bear in mind our desire to get as much out of the [illegible], & [illegible] as we can. They [illegible] money for printing in foreign lands, & some doubting the wisdom of this course [illegible] long as they [illegible] is a proper form to call for aid. Whenever you [illegible] within their rules. [illegible]

As to [illegible] made from [illegible], I should suppose that if the translation were compared with the original, though made in the first instance from the English, it would be satisfactory to the Bible Soc. And then, I doubt not, you would also be cautious not to be guided by the English, the Septuagint, Vulgate, &c. where they throw any light on the case.

Why cannot your Bible Soc. be made so efficient as to defray the whole cost of the printing of the Scriptures, leaving [illegible] the advantages of a press? It seems to me that in some way we ought to be relieved of all beyond this. The question is sometimes asked, "Why does the Cherokee mission cost so much? Why do not the people do more?" I should like to inquire where all this hard money is going. The development of the principles of self support, we hold to be of the first importance.

For your letter of Jan. 19 I am much obliged also. The questions which it submitted, were sent to you a second time, not without reason. The matter is still in statu quo.

We are going on with our work much as usual. From the [illegible] there is nothing of special interest, save what you will see in the Heralds, &c. We hope to advance in our schools. The Boston Churches have done well. Others are following in the same line.

Charlotte's respects also to Miss Hall, & all the rest. As ever, very truly yours

[illegible]

Miss. Home Boston
March 15, 1853

Rev. M. N. Adams,
[illegible]

Miss. Home, Boston,
March 5. 1853.

Mr. H. M. Rice,
Saint Paul, Min. Ter.

Sir.

On the 20th of Oct. I wrote to you, informing you of the willingness of our Prud. Comm. to sell to you or your agents Mr Hopkins's place at Traverse des Sioux for $500. Also requested an answer, apprising me of your decision in the premises, &c. Thus far, however, I have received no reply. May I ask the favor of an answer at as early a day as convenient?

Respectfully
Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Ref.

our correspondence, from [illegible] which, I think, looked toward a fair, amicable arrangement. Since you [illegible] N. [illegible], that I could believe all about [illegible]—

Dec. 8.

Dear Brother

Yours of Dec. 7 [illegible] with profound regret. I had hoped that a new & brighter day was to dawn upon the Dakotas, in connection with the proposed boarding school at Lac qui parle; but now it seems that all our hopes are in danger of being disappointed. I have been flattering myself that the necessary buildings were in progress; & that soon I should hear of the opening of the school.

When I wrote the letter of Oct. 14 I supposed I was placing your relations to the school on the precise basis which would suit you best. I have learned by much & painful experience that "double-headed" arrangements are not generally best, the wisest. If there is to be a boarding school or seminary, there should be one head, & only one. Others may aid & advise; but one is charged with the responsibilities & the prerogatives of the enterprise. It was my wish & hope that Bro Riggs would assist you in all ways that he well could; but I did not suppose that he was to be equal in power & responsibility. I should not have expected that you would desire this. Indeed I do not remember a word in the action of the [illegible] or in

[illegible] the reader [illegible] and
[illegible] correspondence, and by last letter, [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] arrangement. [illegible] you
[illegible] suppose, that I had taken all about
[illegible] Dec. 9.

I infer from the tenor of your letter, & from what has been through Mr. S. & Mr. Bond, that you have pretty much made up your mind to leave the mission [illegible] to the plan of commencing a new station with Mr Hancock; but I do not understand you to propose such a measure. On the contrary, what you say, seems to point to your dissolving the existing relation between you & the Board.

Should this be result, I should regret it very much. It appears to me that you have been preparing for usefulness hitherto, & are now ready to operate more directly than ever on the Indian mind. For you to leave at this stage of the matter, implies a serious loss, both to yourself & to the [illegible]. When missionaries gain the language, & are likely to be highly useful, we are always sorry to part with them. And if you are to labor among the whites you will have spent several years in a way that is not the most profitable.

I know not that any thing which I can say, will affect your decision. But let me ask, if your going on with the school, on the plan which I have suggested, is out of the question? When once the buildings are up, this plan will certainly be the best. Suppose the buildings be put up in some way, & so the experiment be made. I think Br. Riggs

will render [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
in, copying the [illegible] [illegible] or other some-
thing of one of our [illegible]. In fact, it is not
best for the [illegible] to have our own way.
[illegible] If this may not be, suppose you get the
[illegible] together, [illegible] the [illegible] which
shall seem wise for your future labors. And
you will permit me to say that I do not feel
the need of these so much as you do. You
can improve your knowledge of the languages,
which is of the first importance; & Providence will
work out the problem of location.

Suppose the Govt. will before [illegible]
next summer in these line of things; at least
those [illegible]. But as we are going on at present
we shall have but the [illegible] of a [illegible]
to take advantage of any occasions offered
that may occur. Should it be so?

In writing this letter I have felt strongly
[illegible] the unsatisfactoriness of letter-writing;
we need to talk, rather than write. But
possibly I may have said something which
will be useful. The Lord grant it may
be so!

Affectionate regards to Mrs Holmes & [illegible]
[illegible].

As ever,

Fraternally yours

[illegible signature]

Miss. Home Boston

Miss. Rooms, Boston
March 5. 1853

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotah —

Dear Brother

Your letters of Dec. 20 & 27 & Jan 4. have been duly received & attentively considered. In reply to the first, it will be enough to say, that you can apply the $100 in the hands of Mr Rice, coming from you to the Board, to one of the buildings of the mission; & that will answer every purpose. It would be better perhaps to make out your deed, when the others are executed; so as to have but one job.

In reference to the last letter, I may remark that I wrote to Mr Rice, Oct. 30. informing him that he could have Mr Hopkins' place for $500, & asking him to apprise me of his decision in the case. But I have received no answer. Since the receipt of your letter, I have written to him again. I hope this will bring an answer from some one.

Your letter of Dec. 17 I will reply to in a separate communication.

In haste,

Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat.

Miss'y House Boston
March 7, 1853

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas.—

Dear Brother

Your letter of Dec. 27 [illegible] of Mr Adams I have read with profound sorrow. I regret that any difficulty has occurred at Lac-qui-parle; & I fear that the consequences will be quite unfavorable. It is always painful to see Christian brethren at variance; & this is especially true of missionaries. The fact implies that there is a fault somewhere; which is saddening & humiliating.

And then as to the consequences. I have hoped that a good school would spring up at your station, which would produce a happy effect on all your operations; but if Bro Adams leaves, the plan is postponed, perhaps indefinitely. And then I do not like to lose so many missionaries from among the Dakotas, especially when they can be useful. Should Bro A. quit your station, what are you to do? You will not like to be alone, I presume; but who will join you? Other thoughts I might throw out in this place; but I have said enough.

I am obliged to write somewhat in the dark, as not knowing all the facts; but is it not possible

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for you & [illegible] Agency to make a plan by which you
& the Rev. [illegible] Committee; he in the boarding-school,
& you in your [illegible] work. I am clear that the
idea of joint action is unwise; & all [illegible]
along its [illegible]. He should be charged with the board-
ing school, the buildings, instruction, &c. you rendering
such aid as he may need, & you can [illegible]. I
supposed that he has ever thought of a different
plan. (To [illegible] write to him.) Still may you not
do something toward carrying out the scheme that
shall be satisfactory on the whole, & secure the end?

I agree with you in regard to the common
stock system; & I think you had better give it
up, as far as possible. Indeed, I supposed that you
had done so since Mr Pettijohn left. Perhaps a
change here may relieve the case in part.

But should Mrs A. insist upon having
the [illegible] authorize you to expend the [illegible] in
your hands, as you have requested.

Kind remembrances to Mrs B. will
unite you.

I remain, as ever,

fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
March 7. 1853

Rev. Saml J. Ritter,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Feb. 28. then duly received, & hasten to reply. After reading the statement which you have made, it seems to me clear that you would not be designated to any mission where a language is to be acquired. The amount of study necessary to master a foreign tongue would be beyond your ability of endurance.

This disposes of all our missions, except the one among the Cherokees. Our brethren in that tribe preach thro' an interpreter. But I suppose the climate in that part of the world would be unsuited to your constitution, tho' I may be mistaken.

Should you be disposed to consider the question of going to the Cherokees, I will correspond with you further.

I remain very respectfully
& truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 8. 1853

Mr. Amos Allen,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir.

My last letter from Rev. Mr Ellis was dated Hillsboro, Washington county. O. T. July 31. 1852. He was then teaching school at that place, as I suppose; and I have no reason to believe that he is not there now.

Very respectfully
Yours

S B Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
March 11. 1853

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
March 11. 1853

Rev. S. Hall,
Ojibwas.—

Your favor of Feb. 7 has just reached me, & the closing sentence should receive an immediate reply. The appropriations for your station were made out at the usual time, with such data as we had, knowing that your circumstances might change, as follows—

Mr. Hall	$600
Mr Phillips	275
Mr. Whitefield,	300
School	25.
	$1200.

I had supposed that you were apprised of this appropriation; but I find that I merely wrote to Mr Wheeler in regard to Bad River.

Kind regards to all—
Yours very truly S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston

March 12. 1853

Mr Jonas Pettijohn
Trav. des Sioux.

Dear Sir

Yours of Feb 22 I have just received, & say in reply that I wrote to Mr Riggs last Oct. informing him that he could have the Hopkins house for yours. I asked him to inform me whether he would take the property; but I have received no answer. A few days ago I wrote again, wishing to know his decision. I feel that I ought to wait a reasonable time for a letter; after which, if I hear nothing, you may have the property, the Com.ee allowing, as I have no doubt they will. Had I received your letter a few days earlier, I presume we should have said that you might have it at once.

Sincerely Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston

March 12 1853

Rev Norton Barrett

Hudson, Ohio.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of March 7 I have to say, that you will find a table on Indian missions in the Herald for April '52, also a paper read by me at Troy in the Oct. Herald, 1852. I have nothing else <u>prepared</u> that will meet your wants.

The two volumes recently issued by the Indian Department at Washington will give you the census of the tribes.

For the history of each mission you will be obliged to go to the reports of the different missionary societies. Our reports will furnish materials for the history of our Indian missions. So would Tracy's Hist. of the Missions of the Board to 1841.

Very truly yours

S.B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston

March 12th 1853

Mr Silas H Mead

North Greenwich Ct

Dear Sir

I am expecting within a few days to answer certain questions in regard to the question of slavery, with a view to their publication. To that reply I beg leave to refer you as more satisfactory than any thing I can write at the present time. I can assure you that I am doing all in my power, as I believe, to bring the matter to a proper solution. If I could talk with you a few minutes, I could show you that we are not indifferent to the interests of humanity.

Very respectfully

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home v Boston
March 17. 1853

Miss Home Boston
March 15, 1853

Rev H. Bunkerley
Canada West.

Rev & Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th I placed in the hands of the man who attends to the arrival & departure of our missionaries with directions &c for your nephew whatever should be necessary. I also told him to bring James to my house, unless he should go on to Canada at once. I find, however, that he went this morning to your home, without my seeing him, which I regret. I hope that he had every attention which he needed.

Very respectfully
Yrs
S. B. Treat

[illegible] Miss. House. [illegible] Cherokee [illegible] 9. 1853 [illegible]

Rev. S. B. [illegible]

[illegible] Falls [illegible]

Rev. & Dear Sir.

Your favor of March 2 has been received & in replying thereto, allow me to say, that I expect to answer, within a few days, certain questions pertaining to the subject of slavery in its relations to the Choctaw & Cherokee missions, which will meet your wishes, I presume, in most respects. To this answer I beg leave to refer you, as it will be published.

As to the matter of discipline, as there has been some correspondence which has not been published. We have proposed higher ground than the Cherokee mission took in 1848; & I understand that they do not object to the correctness of our views in the abstract; but that they doubt whether they can bring their churches at once to our mark. And, to illustrate their position, they refer to cases in the states where pastors cannot discipline for matters which they deem altogether wrong, because the churches do not see things in the same light. The doctrine of the Albany Convention, you perceive, would apply here. The question is not, "what do the churches hold or practice?"; but "what do the missionaries hold & practice, according to their ability?"

I might publish many, but our brethren, who have [illegible]
[illegible] the Cherokee [illegible] for [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] for eighteen [illegible] years in the [illegible],
[illegible] as a decided anti-slavery man; & yet he [illegible]
[illegible] himself as much perhaps as at the beginning, &
[illegible] the books at the difficulties which must appear to a
[illegible] & practical man.

I have a strong hope that if the churches will [illegible] confidence in us, we can work out this problem to their general satisfaction. I know better than any one else its manifold complications, the result of all that [illegible] work today are [illegible] of [illegible] ability. While "vowels of meaning" are not particularly active, & who will be likely to be on [illegible] any marked change among the Indians in this respect. (And were it not for the facts I should expect to see slavery abolished in the Choctaw & Cherokee country very soon.) Still I believe the Lord is helping us in this thing; & any successive year, I trust, will see us in a better position in reference to it. But we cannot tell what we know, or what we hope to accomplish, because the announcement would defeat our object. Suppose you in Ohio were [illegible] for the abolition of slavery in Kentucky. Would you publish all your plans, &c. &c.? I think not. Please to remember then that what we stand before the public, going abroad to the Indian country, which is far worse, & the whites also are watching this question, as the lion watches for his prey. I know this palpably from personal experience, my own safety having been put in jeopardy thereby in 1840.

Mis. Hono Bolton

[illegible] am aware that no positive adequate guarantee [illegible] given you as to these. If I could [illegible] otherwise, [illegible] they have hitherto, we should be greatly relieved [illegible] the one of our rules not to sacrifice the interests of our missions to make any [illegible] more comfortable. Our aim will be to work out [the] problem which we have [illegible] [illegible]; but we shall not depart from this principle [illegible] are constrained to do so. Could we not [illegible] any other principle, we should be [illegible] [illegible] which we feel.

From what I have said, you will [illegible] that this letter should not become public.

Very respectfully &
sincerely
yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Of course it will give us great pleasure to see you once more in the [illegible]. And should your health be [illegible] necessity [illegible] it. We are getting that mission into a better state, as you know. Mr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Mr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr [illegible], [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible], has been appointed for that field, expecting to go out next fall. And Mr [illegible] has gone, I believe. [illegible] of his health will be sufficient. He is a graduate of Williams College, but has not studied theology.

[illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] for you. [illegible]

Mis. House Boston

Rev. E. [illegible]
Augusta, [illegible]

Dear Brother.

Your father's letter of Jan [illegible] was rec'd at the Mis. House Feb. 8. I did not then expect to receive the favorable tidings which yours of Feb. 19 & 22 brought me. Indeed, I had looked upon you so long as one who had finished his work on earth that I was hardly prepared for any thing, save an announcement of your death. But now I [illegible] that you may be spared [illegible] [illegible] my dear friend [illegible], a most [illegible] minister, had the use of but 1/2 of his lungs for many years & then preached constantly.

Of course it will give us great pleasure to see you once more in the Choctaw field. And should your health be adequate, we shall [illegible] heartily [illegible] it. We are getting that mission into a better state, as you know. Mr Lansing takes Bennington. Dr Hobbs goes to [illegible]. A Mr Boing, [illegible] in N.Y. [illegible], has been appointed for that field, [illegible] our [illegible] field. And Mr Potter has gone, [illegible] if his health will be sufficient. He is a graduate of Williams College, but has not studied Theology.

But there will still be room for you. Then

Mis. House, Boston,

[illegible] [illegible] station in the [illegible] ministry, and [illegible] between [illegible] [illegible]. And there is an [illegible] [illegible] that all of these [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible]. Time are already [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible].

I trust that your [illegible] will [illegible] to the strength & development of the inner man. Such a discipline would have [illegible] [illegible]. For [illegible] [illegible] such a [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] are under special obligations to honor the [illegible] of [illegible] who sustained them in the [illegible] [illegible]. Could you go back to the Cherokees as one who has received a [illegible] baptism, should you be a blessing to labor among them, how much you might do! [illegible] pray that it may be so. And [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that even now the Spirit of the Lord may descend on that interesting people with renovating power.

Mr Bird sailed for Syria 5 days ago. He has found a treasure in his wife.

Please [illegible] your father's family, to the [illegible] of your dear wife, of my [illegible] [illegible] in Rome — my affectionate regards.

I am, as ever

[illegible] [illegible]

R. Anderson

that will be profitable, [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible], Boston,
to bring that letter. March [illegible] 1853

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cher. Mission.

Dear Brethren

For your favor of Feb. 16 with the minutes of your meeting, I am much obliged; & I will make a few remarks on certain points presented therein.

1. The resolutions, on the whole, I approve, including item 4, I suppose you do. I did not expect you would sell quite so much of Dwight, as you have authorized Mr. H. to dispose of. Still, if it is the way for the interest of the mission & the Board to sell with all, save what you have reserved, I have no objection to such a course.

But then you will need to consider how the case will stand in the final adjustments. Mr Willey is to remain at Dwight, & must have further accommodations. Suppose that all which Mr H. is to have for the buildings, improvements, &c should be expended on a house &c for Mr Willey, with one thing more perhaps. We may feel that we have not gained much by the operation.

The real question here, I should presume, is this: Considering the future of Dwight, what will be needed there, what is the best thing to be done? If by selling a part of the improvements, money will be saved in the [illegible]

that will be preferable, we [illegible] of your [illegible] Mrs. Bond[illegible] [illegible]
to bring that letter.

2. If you had seen my letter to Mr. W. [illegible] in regard
to his allowance, you would have seen that I did
not mean to compare his case with Dr. Anderson's.
I referred to Dr. A. for a different purpose, viz. as
illustrating our principle, that no one has any claim
on the ground of meritoriousness of service.

The fact is the missionaries are upon a better
footing, pecuniarily, than the Secretaries &c. We are obliged
to take low salaries, to avoid clamor; so that we can lay
up nothing. And when the end comes, we have but [illegible]
greater salary. We are glad that missionaries have the
advantage; they ought to have it; or at least they should
be better off than we are.

3. Please to present to Sarah my congratulations on her
marriage. I rejoice that she & her husband are to be
in the Station. May the Author of blessings
preside over their union, even to the end.

4. As Mr. Hitchcock will probably write to you in regard
to his perplexities, it is hardly necessary for me to
go into the matter. I have supposed there would be
some difficulty in adjusting the various questions
involved; & all I can say, is, "do the best you can."

5. I am sorry that Satan is creeping into your [illegible]
in the garb of spiritual communications &c. But we are
not ignorant of his devices. Faith & prayer will check
his triumphs.

Kind regards to Mrs. [illegible] Mrs Hall, all the children, &c.

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

Your notes of Jan 12 & Jan. 30. arrived in due time. I am glad to hear that Mr Libby has reached Pine Ridge & taken hold [illegible] satisfaction. I saw him but a short time; but I formed a favorable opinion of his spirit tho' [illegible] to be useful in his present situation.

I suppose Mr. Stickney will join you this spring; at least I have written to him to that effect. Why he did not go last fall, I cannot fully understand. I wish we could send other good men & women, so far as they are needed.

You will soon see, I presume, a letter of mine, in reply to 4 or 5 questions touching the slavery question. The Abo. & Ab. Assoc. have made a vigorous onset upon us, & have scattered their missionaries in all directions. Many of our best friends [illegible] slavery should be [illegible] to [illegible] the public; but I am quite indisposed to do battle with such people, & have consented to say what I [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] for an [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] attack.

I have [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

but it is very difficult to put such things [illegible] without making distinctions in some quarters [illegible] as I could hardly [illegible]; [illegible] probably as you to your operations. Some friends wished me to write more fully on certain points; but I refused, out of regard to the peaceable working of the mission.

Still you may think that I have gone rather too far; but I assure you I have acted honestly, for it seemed to me from a sincere desire to do the best thing in the best way.

Have you heard that Mr Rowlson [illegible] hopes to join your mission again? It is even so. I do not know how he will hold out; but his physician encourages him. It will be wonderful, if he is hereafter with the Wilder among the Choctaws, after all that has [illegible].

Should dear Mr Byington join you next fall, you will be quite strong; if, indeed, the Lord spares you all to this good work. I have had many fears that some of the older missionaries might be called away before the mission could be properly reinforced. But God has been very good to you & to us also; for my joy is your joy, & an affliction in your sorrows.

Let us hope also that the Spirit will descend upon the mission with power, & bring the whole nation into the fold of Christ. Why should we not pray & labor for such a blessing? What a monument it would be to the glory of our Redeemer!

Affectionate regards to all [illegible]

Very fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Rev C. C. Copeland,
Chester.—

Dear Brother

The Mark Herald will have told you that your letter of Mar. 31 came safely to its destination; & after it left you will have received mine of Mar. 17.

I am sorry to learn that your health is not good; but I hope that this will find you much better than you were a few weeks ago. And now it may be proper for me to say a few words in regard to your visiting your parents this summer. The leave of absence for last year, you may consider as good for this year also. If, therefore, the mission shall approve your going to Ohio, the way will be clear for you to go.

I congratulate you upon having such pleasant neighbors as Mr & Mrs Lansing. I think they will do well at Bennington; & I hope they will be happy in their work. Mr Pendon is much better, & talks of visiting the Choctaws as a missionary. His feelings seem to encourage him in this hope. Should he be permitted to do so, & should Mr Kelley join you next fall, you will be quite strong. The Lord grant his own blessed presence with the new laborers as with the old!

Should you visit [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], expect to see you at [illegible] meeting of the Board. This will give me much pleasure, though on such occasions we have but little time to converse with our friends. Hope we shall have a good meeting. An effort will be made to get up the slavery question, it is very possible; but I do not anticipate much trouble therefrom. You will see some account of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on this subject, probably. I have been very unwilling to say any thing; but our adversaries are doing us considerable mischief, & our friends thought a letter was called for.

Now that Bro. [illegible] is in your [illegible] station, I hope to hear that many are turning from sin to holiness. Why should we not pray [illegible] for the salvation of the whole tribe? "Open thy mouth, & I will fill it." Thus saith the Lord, who is faithful to his word. And, dear brother, it applies just as much to our spiritual state. Why should we not be much, very much, holier than we are? Can you tell me?

Christian greetings & kind remembrances to [illegible] C. & Mrs. [illegible].

As ever, Very sincerely,

Your friend & brother in Christ

S. B. Treat [?]

[illegible] Home, [illegible]
March, 1[illegible]

Mr. A. S. [illegible]
Choctaw Nation.—

Dear Brother:

Your favor of [illegible] ago from Mt. Pleasant, I received & perused with great pleasure. I was glad to hear an account of your journey, & to learn that all arrived safely in the Choctaw nation at last. And you are pleased with the state of things, in which I rejoice; though I was sure you would be pleased.

I did not go to [illegible] when I was among the Choctaws; but I stayed at Mt. Pleasant & Armstrong Academy. That part of the nation I thought very beautiful; & I should suppose a residence there must be pleasant.

But after all our happiness depends not upon outwardly, I may say mainly upon inner outwardly. If the heart is filled with just thoughts of God & Christ; if we love his service, wherever we are, all places will be full of music & joy & hope. And this is one of the glories of our religion, we can carry our Heaven with us [illegible] as a portable thing, the

Miss. House, Boston,
March, 16. 1853

Mr. A. G. Lansing
Choctaw Nation.–

Dear Brother

Your favor of Jan 24. from Mt Pleasant, I received & perused with great pleasure. I was glad to hear so full an account of your journey, & to learn that all arrived safely in the Choctaw nation at last. And you are pleased with the aspect of things, in which I rejoice; though I was sure you would be pleased.

I did not go to Bennington, when I was among the Choctaws; but I was at Mt Pleasant & Armstrong Academy. That part of the nation I thought very beautiful; & I should suppose a residence there must be pleasant.

But after all our happiness depends more upon ourselves, I may say mainly upon ourselves. If the heart is filled with just thoughts of God & duty; if we love his service, wherever we are, all places will be full of music – joy & hope. And this is one of the glories of our religion, we can carry our heaven & our bliss with us, as a portable thing, the

Lord of heaven & earth bestowing his own ineffable smile upon us.

Such reflections as these you may need at times. Days of trial may come. Sickness, hard toil, disappointment, are the portion of all missionaries. But the Great Missionary gives himself; & what more can you ask? Read Eph. 3. last verses.

I presume you have already begun to hold meetings; & I trust you love the work. Let your heart be full of love & faith. Let Christ dwell in you; & you cannot fail to do good. The nearer you live to the throne of grace, the greater will be your power as a preacher.

Apply to the right source, get the language. I said this, you remember, at my house. But it is so important that I must repeat it. The Choctaw is like a sharp weapon; English (in preaching), is a very dull one.

Mrs T. & my children are well. Were they with me they would desire kind greetings.

Affectionate regards to Mrs Lansing.

As ever, your friend
& brother in the
Lord

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 14. 1853

Rev. G. Rockwood,
Tuscaroras. —

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 17 was very acceptable; & Mr. Hale will make some use of it in our publications. The testimony of Mr. Haywood is quite valuable. I hope & pray that the Tuscaroras will continue to retain & deserve the good opinion of their neighbors.

The thought which I threw out in my last, is much in my mind. Oh! that we could see this tribe, all of its members, becoming the children of God, & adorning their professed faith in Christ! Let us cleave to this idea, & interest others in it.

Of Miss Thayer & her labors, I have not heard recently, but shall doubtless in due time. Christian salutations to Mrs R. your children & to Mrs. Hope

Fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 19. 1853.

Rev. A. Wright
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

Your favor of Feb. 1st is before me. I thank you for giving me the reasons so fully for locating Mr & Mrs. Hobbs at Wall's Settlement. I thought it highly probable that he would go into that neighborhood; but after I saw Mr. Hotchkin, I was not sure but Mr Curtain's neighborhood would be a better place. I trust the whole thing is of the Lord; & hope that Mr. H & his wife will be greatly blessed in their future home.

It seems to me desirable that another family should be located in that region; & hope you will be able to carry this plan into effect next fall. Mr Byington, I suppose, will join you as soon as he can after the meeting of the Board. He expects to take a wife with him. From recent letters which Mr Pierson has sent me, I find it is quite possible that he may be allowed to labor among the Choctaws, after all our fears. I suppose Mr Potter is in the Nation by this time; though I am not definitely informed. Should his health be adequate to missionary labor in your connection, he will constitute another fellow-worker.

Now it seems to me that the two first places to be occupied are the point between you & Bro. Byington, & Mr Cartwright's neighborhood; & I hope the mission will keep their eye on both; though, of course, if they discover more important posts, these should receive the earliest attention. I should approve of the setting up of any building, save one of your own body, at either place, but especially the former.

The Am. Miss. Soc. is giving us some trouble just now on the slavery question. A pamphlet is circulated, most industriously, which contains sundry misstatements; & it has seemed to many of our friends to be quite necessary to say something in our defence. Hence I expect to answer a few questions, with a view to publication, in a letter form. I hope it shall not create any disturbance among the Choctaws. I have endeavored to be as guarded as I well can be.

The churches in Boston, & also in the vicinity, are increasing their donations to the Board; & I hope that we shall have a fuller treasury than has been at our disposal for the last four years. But we do not see as much of the mission. spirit in our seminaries as we desire to see. There is a sad lack of missionaries.

Please to assure Mrs. Wright of my affectionate regard, & of my earnest desire that she may be strong in body & spirit to do the will of our common Lord. Kind greetings to all at your station. — As ever, my dear brother,

yours S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston.
March 22. 1853.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother

I have been thinking for some time that I would have a little chat with you on the subject of slavery. [illegible] with [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the men were faithful in their exhibitions of truth, & their Mission God, was gratified in [illegible] them.

The distinction is very important, I think, also between [illegible]. It is implied in my letter of June 22, 1848, though not formally propounded. It is the distinction which our churches are recognizing, between the slaveholding [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston,
March 22. 1853

Rev S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.—

Dear Brother

I have been thinking for some time that I would have a little chat with you on the subject of slavery. The Am. Miss. Assoc. will not let us alone; & we find that their constant assaults produce some effect. We cannot enter the lists with them; for we are men of peace. And when much is said without contradiction, something will be finally believed. You will probably see answers to a few questions, addressed to me by Dr. Pomeroy, in the course of a few days; but beyond this we cannot go.

Now it had seemed to me that we might put this matter in a stronger position. You know what ground was taken by the Albany Convention. They decided that rightfulness of supporting missionaries among slaveholding churches did not depend upon the character of the churches, but upon that of the men sent to them. If the men were faithful in their exhibitions of truth, the Am. Home Soc. was justified in sustaining them.

This distinction is very important; it is also the true one. It is implied in my letter of June 22. 1848, though not formally propounded. It is also the distinction which our churches are to recognize. Even the Anti-slavery men

of extreme views have accepted it; those others have had misgivings whether your mission cannot take its stand upon this basis, and relieve the difficulty in which we are placed.

If I understand the views & plans of your brethren, there is very little difference between you and us in theory. You have the same general estimate of things. You adopt your doctrines in regard to the preaching of the gospel. You are also pretty much on the same ground in regard to the instruction of converts & the admission of church members. So far there is no difficulty. On the subject of discipline you do not come quite up to our mark; but I suppose the embarrassment with you is a practical one. In the abstract you could adopt our principles; but when you come to apply them, the churches are not ready to go quite so far. Is not this the real state of the case?

If so, does not the Albany Convention doctrine, which you took, the ground of our principles, & [illegible] substantially your principles; but your people have not reached your position; hence you cannot promise that they will permit you to carry out your views in all particulars at once. Here, however, you will do as well as you can. Your position then will be that of holding sound doctrine (subscribing my letter & the creeds) & endeavoring to fix them steadily. So far as you are, in that direction which we freely concede to you; & whatever defect there is, lies with your churches.

It seems to me, if you can come into this view, that we shall find ourselves in a large [illegible]. But

the question will arise, "shall this solution of the question be made public?" For our selves it is indifferent that it should be published; but how will it affect you in the opinion of the Churches? This is an inquiry of some importance.

If they can be made to understand the matter, it seems to me there ought to be no difficulty. On the contrary, it places you in a more intelligible & definite status, & one to which they cannot reasonably object any day & the Churches. We hold the sentiments of Northern Christians. We believe so & so. But we recognize your rights most fully. In the admission of church members, in cases of discipline, & whatever opinions we hold or express, the decision is with you, & we shall never strive to defeat your wishes. Let us both have our liberty to think & act, as we may judge right. Perhaps we shall always be of one mind. If we are not, however, our relations need not be disturbed in the least.

But perhaps it should not seem wise to put the matter publicly. I think the above a desirable one to be understood between us. We might act upon this in a general way, if [illegible] proceed, so as not to excite suspicion, & that would help us.

I hope you will look at this subject; & if it seems feasible to do what I have mentioned, I wish you to confer with Brot Kenny & Teale. I did not write to the mission, because that would look rather formal. I write to you as the oldest brother in behalf of all.

As ever, your friend & fellow servant

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
March 22. 1853

Rev C. Seele,
Cherokees. –

Dear Brother

Your first letter from Fairfield I received & read with much pleasure. I am glad to hear that you are at your future home, & fairly in the harness. I expected that you would [illegible] many things to pain you; indeed, that was inevitable; but when the darkness passes away, the morning light will be all the pleasanter.

I have strong faith that Fairfield is to see brighter days. Time may be requisite. It is so every where in analogous cases. Let a New England [illegible] become thoroughly "run down", & it is a long & tedious process to bring back "the good time coming".

The Cherokees are susceptible of good influences. There are many things among them that we could wish otherwise; but it was not so in the earlier days of your mission; or, rather, there was constant progress, marked & cheering; & the missionaries could walk by sight as well as by faith.

The Lord may try you a little in this last article. If the gospel makes but little outward advance; do not be discouraged. It is [illegible] yours [illegible] also you need. And remember that joy cometh in the morning. You are not answerable for results, but only for fidelity.

And the Saviour understands all the difficulties of your position quite as well as you do. And he is a merciful High Priest, & can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities.

I rejoice that you are aiming to have as much intercourse with the Cherokees as may be. This is well. You will find that they appreciate your interest in them, & the fruit will appear in due time. Love is mighty in reaching the heart.

But strive especially to abide with Christ. His peace will make you mighty to do his will, & also make you exceedingly happy as a missionary of the cross.

Assure your wife of my affectionate regards. I hope she is quite well long before this.

I am, my dear sir,
affectionately
yours

S B Treat

And the Union meeting all the inspirations of your position quite as well as you do. What he is a mighty High Point; & can be trusted with a feeling of our in-fruits.

I rejoice that you are doing there so much interest & ease within the churches as may be; this is well. You will find that they appreciate your interest in them, & the fruit will appear in due time. Love is mighty in reaching the heart.

But strive & pray for peace with Christ. His peace will make you mighty in doing well, & also make you exceedingly happy as a well-doing of the cross.

Give my love to your wife affectionately. I hope she is quite well long before this.

As ever, very truly
& fraternally
yours
U. S. B. Evans

Mis. House, Boston
March 22 1853

Rev. S. Hall,
Crow Wing, Upper
Miss. Min. Ter.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 24 I received yesterday; & today I have read it before the Pru. Com. They are hesitating to sanction the contract you have made with Mr Goff. I have written to him accordingly.

You say he is to pay $100 on receiving possession, & $100 at the end of a year, he giving security on the property. Suppose you give him a contract to convey the property when he shall have paid the $300 & interest. Would not this be the regular way?

We are glad that we can sell out so well. We have feared that we might do worse.

Fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
March 22 1853

Miss. Home, Boston
March 22. 1853

Mr. Schuyler Goff,
Racine. Wis. —

Sir

I have received a letter from Rev. S. Hall, informing me of an arrangement made between you & him in regard to the buildings & improvements of the American Board at La Pointe, whereby you agree to pay $500 for the same, $200 when you receive possession, & $300 with interest one year from that time, & he has agreed to let them to you for that price, subject to the decision of the Prudential Committee you giving security for the $300 on the property. I am happy to inform you that the Committee have this day sanctioned the arrangement, & you & Mr Hall are authorized to proceed accordingly.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston [illegible] 25 [illegible]

Rev. C. Byington
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

I congratulate you on being once more at your station, at your home; for I suppose that you arrived at Stockbridge some days since. It will doubtless seem good to be among your people again, to receive their kind greetings, and especially to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. The thought of this privilege makes me sad; for I am cut off from it. But I must not dwell on this theme.

I presume you will have something to try you on your return. This is almost inevitable in such circumstances. But patience & faith & hope, with a humble, childlike spirit, will bring all right in the end.

You will doubtless be somewhat tried by Mr. Chamberlain's request to be released from his post. I am taken by surprise altogether, & can't understand the matter. What is the difficulty? In his letter to me he says that he believes he ought to be more useful, & regrets that we did not appoint some one better fitted for the place. This is all the light I have, which is nil.

I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] request. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] does not [illegible]
in [illegible] they wish him to [illegible]
the mission. One or the other [illegible]. Therefore [illegible]
may have occasion to act in the premises.

To me it seems that the question is one of first importance. If Mr. C. leaves, I hope not unless you shall find a steward, especially with the abrupt departure of [illegible] to [illegible]. I can hardly suppose that he has any [illegible] disqualification, but if the trouble is of [illegible] it may meet any new man.

In fact should Mr. C. leave, I pray [illegible] that the school must be suspended, unless the mission can provide some person to take his place. But you will need to look at things carefully.

I would write more on this subject, but I am so much in the dark as to the facts that it is hardly worth while. I hope and pray that Providence will direct the question for the peace & prosperity of your station. But I presume that a letter is on the way from you, explaining the affair more fully. For that I will wait.

Please to present my kindest regards to [illegible] [illegible] that my family are all well. [illegible] [illegible]

Yours in the faith [illegible]
S. B. Treat

when you [illegible] and you [illegible]
[illegible] have better [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] either [illegible]. But
[illegible] before this. that [illegible]
something [illegible]
[illegible] in certain [illegible]. [illegible] are often
discouraged, [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] and fully provided for, & I [illegible]
[illegible] confident that [illegible] & yourself [illegible]
[illegible] in your present [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] to be [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] I thought we were fortunate in obtaining
your services. But now you request to be
released from your position, so soon after entering
upon your labors!

I have supposed that you might find some things a little out of joint. This is often the case in analogous circumstances; but I thought that patience & piety would bring all right in due time. Indeed, I had a strong [illegible] persuasion that your boarding school was to become a new one. Now, however, we are at sea again. When we shall see land, however, is altogether uncertain.

In effecting one or two [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] you meant to give [illegible] for your [illegible]. [illegible] that [illegible] I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible], you [illegible] that [illegible] to you by the time you [illegible] this, or soon after; that you will [illegible]

when you come. And you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to fill your place. That we [illegible]

whether [illegible] that this is your [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they are [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. Surely it was not a mere [illegible] device. But why was it? Was it that you [illegible] [illegible] a few weeks or months, & then [illegible], whereby so doing you make it more difficult for [illegible] [illegible] to fill the place? If so I cannot solve the problem.

[illegible], Yesterday I laid your request before the Board. Sorry as we must be [illegible] [illegible] you, we feel constrained to deny your request in its present shape. For this we have [illegible]

[illegible] rules require that in all [illegible] cases applications for a release should be first submitted to the [illegible], that we may have the opinion of the [illegible]. A little reflection will show you the importance of such a regulation.

I therefore ask you to reconsider the question. We cannot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & we hope that [illegible] [illegible] a clear [illegible] by the time you [illegible] this, or soon after; that you will [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
going. There is a charge of [illegible] other [illegible]
of circumstances, not altogether [illegible] [illegible]
to think seriously [illegible] your case.

There is a special propriety in your request's going before the [illegible]; should they approve your leaving they may say what shall be done to fill your place. That we can get another to go out to [illegible] by next fall, I very much doubt. It is always difficult to obtain teachers; but now the trouble will be greatly increased from the sadness of your return. In fact, if the mission cannot make provision for the place, the school may have to be suspended. This I think highly probable.

And now let me ask you, dear brother, to look at the case in all its bearings. Ask yourself why it is that the Lord has brought you to [illegible]. Look at the consequences of your departure. Consider the difficulties which you have in your mind, and whether some of them are not [illegible] a humble reliance on the Saviour will not remove them. Above all, ask light from Him who [illegible]. Pray earnestly. [illegible] I cannot but hope that you will withdraw your request.

Affectionate regards to Mrs C. [illegible]

Fraternally yours,

[illegible]

Miss. Rooms, Boston
March 11. 1853

Rev. C. Byington
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

I send you a copy of a [illegible] printed letter [illegible] Dr. Pomroy [illegible] asked a statement of me, in relation to the Slavery question. We are much perplexed just now by this matter in different quarters & it has seemed expedient to say something. The letter is not to be sent to the missionaries generally, tho it may get into some of them. It will be sent to persons whose minds are disturbed & I hope it will do good here & not make mischief in your part of the world.

Truly & affect. yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible] just [illegible] Indian department [illegible] I think [illegible] Cherokees [illegible] same [illegible] Choctaw [illegible] ordained [illegible] son of [illegible] your [illegible] single [illegible] Providence will [illegible] bring you a true helpmeet.

Meantime I will [illegible] of the Choctaw mission, [illegible] a place in that part of the world for a single man. On hearing from him I will let you know the result. [illegible] married is better.

Fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat. Sec. ABCFM

Miss. Home Board
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April 5 1853

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Rev. G. A. Wentz,
Sene Seminary.—

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 28 has been put into my hands, as I have charge of the Indian department. In regard to your designation, I think it will not be best to decide finally just at present. Men are needed among the Choctaws & Cherokees; & perhaps the latter have the strongest claim now, inasmuch as we have reinforced the Choctaw mission quite recently, & have one or two ordained brethren in prospect for them.

Something may depend upon the fact whether you go out unmarried or not, in deciding upon your location. There are but few places where a single man can labor comfortably. And I hope a kind Providence will increase your usefulness by giving you a true help-meet.

Mean time I will write to Mr. Worcester of the Cherokee mission, & see if there is a good place in that part of the world for a single man. On hearing from him I will let you know the result. But to go out well married is better.

Fraternally S. B. Treat
Yours
S B Treat. Sec. ABCFM

Miss. House Boston
April 5th 1853

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokees.—

Dear Brother

A senior at Lane Seminary is intending to labor among the Indians; & I have some thought of having him go to the Cherokees. He is a plain man, well spoken of by his teachers, able to endure hardness, with no special tact at acquiring languages; & I think he will make a very respectable preacher of the English tongue. But he has no wife in prospect; & I am not sure that he will have one by next fall. The question arises, "Should he have no wife, is there a good place for him among the Cherokees?" Is such a person needed at Tahlequah? Could he live comfortably & profitably at your capitol as a single man?

If he shall find a wife, where would you locate him? At Honey Creek, or some where else?

Affectionate greetings to Mrs W. & all.

Very truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home. Boston
April 6. 1853

Rev. G. Rockwood,
Tuscarora.—

Dear Brother

In reply to yours of March 23
I am happy to say that the Com. have
readily granted you leave of absence
with your family, as you propose.
We suppose, of course, that you will
make suitable provision for those [illegible]
If you come into these parts, I shall be
happy to see you. I hope you will come
when my family are in town, say June.

In the matter of Mr [illegible] I
can hardly answer. He's very busy with
the erection of the mill. Perhaps that is the
reason. Christian greetings to all

Affectly yours S. B. Treat

Mr Jacob [illegible].
[illegible] Mission.—

Dear Brother

Your favor of March 4 I laid before the Com.ee yesterday; & I am now able to speak definitely in the matter of your allowance. But before I do so, allow me to make two or three general remarks.

1. You state some facts in regard to Mr [illegible] which would have had a bearing on his allowance; but it so happens that these facts were not known to the Com.ee & hence they could not have come into the account.

2. You refer to Mr. Anderson's salary. He has not [illegible] up any thing since I have been in Boston, & [illegible] on his present allowance.

3. I am sorry that you have taken the trouble to speak so fully of your furniture, &c. If you will refer to my letter, you will see that I did not call for such minuteness. A rough estimate was all that I desired.

4. I am afraid that I have failed to make plain the impression which I intended. Parts of your letter seem to show that you have felt hurt by what I have written. I assure you that I had no such thought. I merely wished to get at the facts, at the same time indicating what our principles are.

[illegible] read your communication. [illegible] you had different date for a [illegible]. The [illegible] are not so favorable as I had supposed. This I regret for your sake; tho I am glad to know the exact truth. It occurred to me, after some reflection, that the $300 which you gave the Board, with interest for 30 years would amount to about $850. Why not allow that sum, I said to myself. True, you do not ask for the $300 & interest, to me, do not adopt the principle of refunding. But, all things considered, may we not make [illegible] the basis of our allowance? I saw [illegible] Hill, & he thought well of it. Accordingly I proposed this sum to the Comm^ee & they have allowed it accordingly, with your furniture.

After what I have already written, I have no occasion to assure you & Mrs. M. that we regard you both as having labored hard & faithfully in the position which you have occupied. But your reward you will seek at the hands of One who can appreciate all our motives & acts, & can do for you infinitely better than we can ask or even think. Our prayer is, that your peace may be as a river, & your righteousness as the waves of the sea.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. M. and all of your children.

Very truly & affectionately yours

[illegible]

I am induced to address you [illegible] in consequence of the receipt of the [illegible] April 30 185[illegible] one from Rev. Mr Bartlett on the same subject. Robt. G. Byington [illegible] Providence in the Choctaws. I do not know Mr. Stanley, or his qualifications, but Mr Bartlett speaks highly of him. And you know him, do you believe him to be the man for Mr Chamberlain's place? Or would you wish to station him in some other spot?

Dear Brother

Your letters of March 16 & 25, April 8 & 9, have been duly received. I was very glad to hear of your safe arrival at Stockbridge; but I am sorely grieved by the loss of our good Bro. Wright. I have, indeed, looked for his death from year to year, supposing it could not be far off; but I hoped that the Lord would be pleased to give him strength in all his weakness, that he might still labor for the good of the Choctaws. They have sustained a severe affliction; for there are but few such missionaries in any field.

To the missionary brethren, especially to the seniors, this will be a heavy trial. You have lost a very dear brother; one too who has long travelled the same road of joy & sorrow, of success & trial, & who ever exhibited in an uncommon degree of the spirit of his Master. May the event be sanctified to all! I shall write to the mission on this subject in a few days as soon as I can get a little leisure.

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Miss [illegible], Boston

I am [illegible] to acknowledge your [illegible] in [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible], and one from Rev. C. W. Bartlett on the same subject. Perhaps there is a merciful Providence in this thing. I do not know Mr. Stanley or his qualifications, but Mr Bartlett speaks highly of him. And you know him, I presume. Is he the man for Mr Chamberlain's place? Or would you wish to station him in some other spot?

I do not know how Mr C's case stands at Stockbridge at this time; but if he must leave, is Mr. Stanley the man for the station? If so, it will be a great deliverance to us; as the finding of a steward is very difficult. This you know, as well as I do.

I suppose Mr. C's case has been before the mission. If he is to leave, you can write at once to Mr. Stanley, proposing to him to become steward, or if you will inform me, I will write. You had better, however, tell him just what you need, & what he will be expected to do.

If Mr. C. wishes to leave, but has been persuaded to hold on, because no one could take his place, it may be well to open a correspondence with ~~the mission~~ Mr Stanley, & also confer with the other brethren as to what is best. I am sorry I am obliged to write so much in the dark, but I could not help it.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs B. & all

[illegible] 1845 S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Mrs. H. D. Wright
[illegible]

Dear Madam,

Intelligence of your husband's death reached me last week; but there was had time for any thing more than a [illegible] not till today. I now avail myself of a favorable opportunity to assure you of the feelings of sorrow & bereavement which we all share, and also of our profound sympathy with you in this chief of earthly trials. In such an hour as this we know that we can do but little for you; but we would show you that you are not forgotten; & we would cheer your saddened spirit by the assurance that our prayers will ascend to Him who is the widow's God, that your consolations may be multiplied, even as your sorrows abound.

Since my acquaintance with Mr. Wright I have regarded him as a missionary of rare excellence. His piety had seemed to me uncommonly mature & complete. In fact, I should hardly know where to find another in possession of a more symmetrical & Christ-like character. And then the amount of useful labor which he performed has been a constant marvel. When a man with so many bodily infirmities could accomplish so

is [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and: but if [illegible]
that you have accepted him & his services, [illegible]
[illegible]
satisfy the [illegible] our [illegible] in the [illegible]
of their strength.

But he is gone to the better country; he reposes in his "Father's house," his only true home! The kind ministrations of wife & friends are denied him; but he does not need them now, for "sickness & pain shall afflict him no more." He "beholds the face of his Master, & will go no more away." Would you have it otherwise? Can we wish him back in his earthly home? Alas! It makes me sad to think of the breach which his death has made in the mission. When I ask, Who can take the place of our sainted brother? I am downcast & sorrowful. When I think of the Choctaws who lose the benefit of his labors, I feel like mingling my tears with theirs. But his Lord has called him away; & he has the glory that shall be revealed in the saints of the Most High. Who would bring him back to his weary pilgrimage?

It is just here that we find the chief grounds of consolation which are appropriate for you, for the mission, for the Choctaws, for us, for all. 1) The Lord has done it; & it

is all night; it is all death, [illegible] ... [illegible]

longer than we that [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible] ... be humbled & submissive,

under His mighty hand. (2) It becomes us to lift our eyes to the hills whence he now stands, beholding his peace, his joy. Think what it is to be free from a diseased body. Think what it is to be dwelling there ransomed, purified, ennobled by the grace of God, & instinct with all the bliss of heaven. Think what it is to see Jesus as he is, & to become like Him. Dwell upon this consummation till it becomes a familiar scene, & till you almost [illegible] feel that you see yourself there. Then will you dry your tears. Then will you rejoice that one so dear to you sits now in the serene & changeless light of the paradise above.

Commending you to Him who can strengthen you with all might by his Spirit in the inner man, & praying that grace, mercy & peace may be multiplied unto you, I subscribe myself,

Dear Mrs. Wyke[?],

Your sincere friend & brother

in the Lord,

S. B. Treat

P.S. Please to give my kindest regards to Mrs. [illegible] & Miss Kerr.

up in the missionary work ~~[illegible]~~ Burma, Brother [illegible] 1883. Should
his health be sufficiently restored, it will give
~~[illegible]~~ to see him again among dear Brethren
in the field.

You will doubtless need his assistance, & also that of any others [illegible] may be able to [illegible].

The death of Mr. [illegible], of [illegible], which [illegible] of your number have kindly apprised me, is an event which fills one with deepest regret. [We] regarded him as a truly godly man & a most valuable missionary. The spirit of his Master seemed to dwell in him, in large measure; & it was always a mystery & a marvel to many how one so frail & feeble should accomplish so much.

Such an event may well lead us to thoughts, which take hold upon the chief realities of life & urge on the inevitable questions: "Are we ready?" "What are we doing for the honor of our Lord?" "Have we set our houses in order for the hour of departure?" "Are we looking through the veil, with a quiet & [illegible] blessed assurance that our home is there?" "Is heaven the object of our daily & grateful contemplation?" Such questions as these become yours, dear brethren, & mine also. Let us ponder them to our souls' profit & eternal blessing.

We will have learned with great pleasure that [illegible] has [illegible] Brother Rudson [illegible] our [illegible]. He [illegible], [illegible] by permission [illegible].

up in the [illegible] work [illegible] King, Barton [illegible]

[illegible] the appointed [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] have been given more

in the field. Mr. Moore, Barton, Brown[illegible]

You will [illegible] need his assistance, & also that of any others you may have [illegible] to [illegible] the Boys, [illegible] will be [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] Mr. Lancaster [illegible] with confidence, & it will not be [illegible] for you to anticipate any [illegible] it is possible that one other may [illegible] perhaps [illegible] join you.

You will be called upon to make provision for Whitlock. [illegible] I know [illegible] but your judgment is better than mine. [illegible] Capt. Mr. M. R. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] Boys [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]. If our [illegible] in his [illegible] [illegible] would find him better fitted for the place than Mrs. B. Perhaps he is, with his [illegible].

It may be worthy of consideration whether some of the older [illegible] should not be transferred to Whitlock, as Bro. Boynton, or Bro. [illegible], &c. & let one of the [illegible] be filling the place that is vacated. [illegible] the whole question to the [illegible] that the Lord of [illegible] may [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible]. C. B. [illegible]

Mis. House, Boston
May 4. 1853.

Mis. House, Boston,
May 4. 1853.

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws. — Dear Brother

I send herewith a letter to the mission. You see I have made some suggestions in regard to Wheelock. If they are not wise, pass them by. Is there any objection to Mr. Copeland's taking the secular affairs? Are there any good reasons for transferring Bro Byington or Stark there? I have feared that the former had lost somewhat of his influence at Stockbridge. Perhaps he would desire a change. But the mission will understand these things.

Miss Aikin will be appointed next week, I think. I suppose you do not expect her till fall. [illegible]

Mr. S. L. Hobbs,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 11 was duly received & read with great pleasure. That is into the hands of Mr. Hale [illegible]; I am not sure that I have acknowledged it.

Yours of April 7 giving an account of Mr. Wright's death reached me 4 or 5 days ago; & I am much obliged to you for it. It will enable me to prepare a notice of this excellent man; & nothing else that I have received from the nation is of any value for such a purpose.

Your being at Wheelock at such a time threw upon you unexpected responsibilities; but the trial, I trust, will do you good. It is worth something to see a good missionary lay down his armor; & it is worth something to know how Mr. Wright did his work. Few missionaries have excelled him.

His death will lead to a change in the plans of the mission; & it may delay the occupancy of McCartain's neighborhood by a second laborer. If this shall be the case, I shall be sorry. I want to see two missionaries in that part of the nation.

I hope the mission will have schools in all their principal places. They [illegible] at the present time. The Lord smile & shine upon you & give you [illegible] enlargement!

I trust you will keep me informed in regard to all that comes under your eye. The Choctaw brethren are deficient as correspondents. Please [illegible] their [illegible].

I write to you at Stockbridge(?), not knowing whether you are there or not. The letter will reach you, wherever you are.

Kind greetings to [illegible]. We are all well at No 3 Boylston Place. Mrs T. would send love, if she were here.

Ever your brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 5. 1853

Mrs M. B. Wright
Chester Mills

Dear Madam

In my letter of 3rd [illegible] I said nothing in regard to your future plans. It was not that I felt indifferent to your wishes; but because in the absence of any knowledge of what you would prefer, I knew not what to say. Allow me then to say we shall be most happy to hear from you; & you will find us ever ready to consult your wishes & promote your happiness.

Most affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible]
May 5. 1863

Rev. T. [illegible]
Albany

Dear Brother

I would know, if practicable, whether it is expedient for [illegible] this & return to Fairfield, or not. Will you have the goodness to give me your opinion in the case. If you wish the matter to be confidential, please to say so, & I will not state your opinion outside of the [illegible] House, or communicate it to others, if I can avoid it. I have written to Mr. Worcester to the same effect.

Fraternally yours,

S B Kent

Mis. House Boston
May 5, 1858.

Rev. [illegible]
Cherokee.

Mis. House Boston
May 5, 1858

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee. —

Dear Brother

I wish to ascertain whether it is expedient for Miss Smith to return to Fairfield, or not, to take charge of the school there. Will you give me your opinion on this point? If you prefer to leave the matter entirely [with] me, please say so, & I will "keep dark", if I can.

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

P.S. Please mention & ask Kenney
as above

Mis. House Boston
May 5, 1858

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee. —

Dear Brother

I wish to ascertain whether it is expedient for Miss Smith to return to Fairfield, or not, to take charge of the school there. Will you give me your opinion on this point? If you prefer to have the matter rest where it is, please say so, & I will "keep dark", if I can.

Fraternally
Yours,
S. B. Treat

P.S. Have written to Mr Ranney as above

Recd. May 23. 1853.

Rev. E. Teele

Ahmednuggur. —

Dear Brother

Your favor of March 25. has been read with deep interest, & am sorry that I cannot add, & with pleasure. First of all, I regret to hear that Mrs T. is not well. I earnestly hope & pray that her health may be restored to her. Take all proper means to this end; for it will be sad to have her give entirely out.

This matter of boarding company is a hard problem. I hope you will confer with the other missionaries, & see if something cannot be done to diminish the burden. I have no doubt that some good grows out of it; but the loss of health is a heavy penalty to pay for it. I do not feel sufficiently well informed to suggest a remedy.

Again, the case of Miss Smith occasions a little perplexity. It seems that she does not wish to return, & I have no reason of the mission to go upon. Not even your letter can I take with me, after the request which you have made. If I had a case, I would proceed at once; but I have none, at least without your letter.

Mr. Welling was not a little disturbed [illegible] [illegible] by what was said [illegible]. After [illegible] & I became satisfied that there would be some feeling if [illegible] anything should be done to retain her at the [illegible].

In this state of things, I have written to Miss Ranney & Worcester, asking their opinion as to the expediency of Miss Smith's return. When I shall have received their letters, I may have a basis of action, as they may write confidentially. Still, if we get their opinion adversely to her going back, I think the matter can be arranged. It may be well for you & others to not to speak of the matter, except to Miss Ware. Such matters are not helped by being [illegible] abroad.

I have heard nothing of Miss Smith's movements. She is to go to Vermont, I suppose. Has she come north? Unless she shall come here, or write [illegible], I shall need her address. Can you give it to me?

By the time this reaches you, I hope that all will be bright & sunny. Look out for the summer heat. Festina lente. Tell Mr. F. [illegible] the same. Take things easily during the warm weather, even tho' a part of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the best manner. Be strong in [illegible] [illegible]. Knowing that the [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] the [illegible].

Affectionate regards to your wife [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]

S. B. [illegible]

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Ojibwas

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 2 [?] was duly received; & though I have nothing important to write, I will say a few words.

Your plan for working the Indians I think is the true one. They should be helped to help themselves. Unconditional charity is often worse than nothing for them. Self reliance, habits of doing for themselves, the improvement of time, &c &c. are what they need most of all.

I hope to hear that your Indians have done better than ever this summer. If they make no improvement, I shall feel that their prospects are very doubtful. If they are to be saved, in the lowest sense of the word, they must put in an oar & row themselves.

I have no doubt you & Mr W. will pay due regard to economy; at any rate, I have never suspected a contrary tendency. I have occasionally wished that some of our missionaries had a little more of the Yankee knack

[illegible] a [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible]
become. There is something [illegible] to
virtue in good management; at least among
the New Kentucky [illegible].

I am truly glad that we have declined
the La Pointe [illegible]. I feared that we
should have a [illegible] [illegible] fall [illegible]
there. And if the Gov't shall [illegible] good
influence, it will be all the better.

We are moving on much as usual. [illegible]
parts of our great field, we have special
encouragement; and I hope there is a little increase
in the benevolence of our churches. The
missionaries, however, are scarce. May the Lord
greatly multiply the number!

The truth is, we need a better [illegible]
such as we have never had. The [illegible]
of the world are vast & [illegible].
We need a whole-hearted piety, that can
count all things as nothing for Christ
Jesus.

Christian greetings to Mrs. W. [illegible]
Brown & the children.

Very truly yours
Brother in the
Lord

S. B. Treat

Rev. H. K. Copeland,
Wheelock, Choctaw.

Dear Bro.

Yours of April [illegible] did not reach me till I had heard of Mr Wright's death. Though I knew him to be a very feeble man, I did hope that his life might be spared a few years longer, so valuable were his labors, & so difficult is it to furnish the requisite missionary force. But the Lord has called him to his everlasting home; we know that there are no mistakes in the divine plan. It only remains for us, then, survivors, to profit by the lessons taught us by this sad bereavement, & address ourselves to the work which remains to be done with more zeal & fidelity than ever. May the mantle of our departed brother's life abide with us all!

I have addressed a letter to the Mission in reference to the supply [illegible] in which I allude to the subject of making provision for Wheelock. Looking at the matter from this distance, it seems to me that the most simple & obvious plan

is for you [illegible] secular affairs [illegible]
the boarding school [illegible] [illegible]
much of your [illegible] to watch over the [illegible]
& its interests. If Mr Stiles goes to his proposed field, one of the brethren ought to
be among us in the fall, [illegible] or
Byington, can reside at Wheelock; unless it
shall be thought best for one of the other
brethren to remove thither. Here I must
feel competent to decide [illegible] questions
involved; hence I cheerfully leave the
matter to the mission. Should the brethren
put you in charge of the secular affairs
at Wheelock, I shall be happily satisfied.

In regard to the letter addressed by me to
the Council, I intended to give them a
[illegible] power as to its use. I regret, however,
to hear that the Choctaws are not [illegible] them-
selves, as their friends could wish. I feel a
particular solicitude that they may do well
after what I said last fall in regard to
the reply of the chiefs & others. I have not heard of it.
& have wondered that I did not hear from
it. Perhaps the letter may be on its way.

It is very clear that the [illegible] work
is not finished among the Choctaws. There is
room for faith & prayer & zealous efforts in their
behalf. Let us labor in hope. Praying much for
you.

Affectionately yours & also [illegible]

Together. Fraternally Yours, [illegible]

Rev. C. C. Copeland

Chickasaw

Dear Brother

Yours of the 12th ult. has arrived, & I hasten to reply. I sincerely sympathize with you in your trials, whether of bodily weakness, sickness in the family, or sad & painful bereavements. The loss of children I well understand, for I have followed four to the grave; & those that were more than one half of my little ones are in heaven. My only daughter was taken from us just before she became 7 years old. Were she alive she would be almost 18. That was a sore trial. It was the last & heaviest blow.

But I have learned that it is good to be afflicted. These bereavements all have their uses. Ministers & Christians generally are made better by them. Indeed they are only the tender chastisings of our Father's love. They come with a somewhat forbidding aspect; but they are gentle & loving in their dealings with us. Ever then let us bow meekly & submissively to him who doeth all things well. Tho' there is sorrow here, there is none above. And we shall soon be there. Our home is near. It is almost in sight. Those who have gone are only a little before us

I regret that you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you are at liberty [illegible], in the [illegible] then what, if the Lord shall [illegible] the way for this step. If it shall seem best for Mr. Copeland to accompany you, he can do so. It will be advisable for you to obtain the approbation of the medical [illegible] to this course, if it is practicable. If not, the opinion of Messrs Kingsbury & [illegible] will be sufficient. I write this that we may keep our rules intact.

If you visit Ohio, I presume I shall see you at Cincinnati in Oct. at the meeting of the Board. I hope there will be some [illegible] ready to return with you.

Please to assure Mrs C of my profound sympathy in her trials; offer my very kind regards to Mrs. McCormic. Also to Mr & Mrs [illegible], if they are with you.

Yours, in the gospel of our blessed Lord,

S. B. Treat

Mis. Hou. Rooms

It is possible that when they get to taking
Mr. G. A. Baylis's appointment, some then may be
Choctaws. - that shall be satisfactory ...

Dear Sir,

Your favor of March 13 reached me the April 29. In replying thereto I feel not a little perplexed. You wish to be released from your connection with the Board; hence I cannot lay such a request before the Com^ee. Besides, in order to be discharged in the ordinary way, the consent of the mission should first be requested.

If it is your will, however, to be released, the Com^ee will act upon the case as soon as they shall it before them. And as the mission may not assemble at a convenient time for you to consult them, if Messrs. Kingsbury & Byington shall approve of your leaving, I have no doubt that the Com^ee will do so. And, indeed, on gaining the approbation of Messrs. Kingsbury & Byington, you will be at liberty to leave the mission, if there is not time to write home & get an answer.

I read with some regret that I learned your wish to leave the Choctaws. We find it very difficult to find persons who are willing to do such work as you have performed; & when we have secured the cooperation of such, we are always sorry to lose them, if they should.

Mrs. Stone ... B... it would not ... [illegible] ... to the missionaries, some then may be [illegible] that shall be satisfactory ... I cherish hope it may be so. If the Lord has a work for you to do among the Chippewas, I shall be glad. If he has not, I should not be ... find another field ...

Very sincerely

[illegible] has been duly received. [illegible] was delayed by a visit which made last [illegible] necessary. I hope, however, that no important [illegible] will have suffered.

S. B. Treat

It seems that the day of [illegible] Red Wing. What this is what we expected; I presume you are not disappointed. In this transition state, we must [illegible] our course, & hope for better times.

In regard to the sale of the Red Wing property, I think you had better take that course which shall appear the best. If the providence [illegible] the best time to sell out, you may consider yourself at liberty to do so, without any action of the [illegible]. Our general policy is to dispose of property which we no longer need, as soon as we can. The return is only for manifestly better prices.

Where will you live, when you shall have sold? Shall you be ready to remove to the St Peters? I do not know what your plans are. Nor do I know what

progress the N. S. Govt. [illegible], in [illegible] the Indians, having [illegible] [illegible] subjects in the [illegible].

Rev. J. W. Hancock,
Red Wing.—

Dear Brother,

Your favor of March 8 has been duly received. An answer has been delayed by a visit which made last month to Chicago. Hope, however, that no important interests will have suffered.

It seems to be the day of small things at Red Wing. But this is what we expected; and I presume you are not disappointed. In this transition state, we must do what we can, & hope for better times.

In regard to the sale of the Red Wing property, I think you had better take that course which shall appear the best. If the present is the best time to sell out, you may consider yourself at liberty to do so, without any action of the mission. Our general policy is to dispose of property which we no longer need, as soon as we can. We retain it only for manifestly better prices.

When will you leave, when you shall have sold? Shall you be ready to remove to the St Peters? I do not know what your plans are: nor do I know what

progress the M. E. Church is making in Breaking the Indians. Rev. Mr. [illegible] is [illegible] definite on the subject.

[illegible] I regret the difficulty at Lac-qui-parle. [illegible] getting your number of missionaries a good deal reduced; & I am afraid that if the doors opened for us we shall soon have no men to enter them.

Rev. S. Hall is commencing operations at Crow Wing. He is pleased with the prospect. He takes charge of a school on a favorable plan; & hopes that something will yet be done for the poor Ojibwas.

My heart is pained when I think of the Dakotas. Is there no bright future for them? I am not willing to give up [illegible]. [illegible] pray & take on.

Kind greetings to Mrs. H.

Very affectionately

Yours

in the Lord

S. B. Treat

at the middle of Oct. [illegible]
Cincinnati, as those [illegible] there.

Miss Laura M. [illegible]
Saratoga Springs –

Dear Miss [illegible]

Yesterday the Prud. Com. took into consideration the matter of your going to the aid of Mr Kingsbury; and from your recent letter, that they cordially appointed you an assistant missionary, with the understanding that you join the family at Pine Ridge. I pray that the blessing of the Master may be upon this measure, and that you & we may always have reason to rejoice therein.

Mr Kingsbury wishes you to go out to the Choctaw mission by the first opportunity. And I do not anticipate any favorable occasion for your journeying thither, till Oct. Then we shall have missionaries departing for that field, in all probability. I now expect that some will be at Cincinnati at the meeting of the Board, 1st Tuesday in Oct. & will proceed, directly after the meeting closes, to their future home.

From the [illegible] June till Oct. the schools have their vacations. You could hardly reach Pine Ridge before the season of breaking up. Besides, midsummer is not the best time to go to the Choctaw country, on account of health. The fall is the best time. [illegible] as at present advised, I think you had better remain

at the West the Oct. & [illegible] Cincinnati, as I have my home above.

Upon the whole, if you will all then time to write in reply to this & inform, answer in season. I presume there will be no occasion for your taking any furniture. Clothing will be all that you will need, a good supply for say two years. The area send to the Mifs House may bear for what you need, & they have stores near the Mission.

Praying that the blessing of the Lord of Missions may be with you,

I subscribe myself,

very sincerely

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home. Boston
May 10. 1853

Rev E. Toole
Cherokee. Dear Brother

I have just received a letter from Mr Worcester, in which he speaks of Miss Smith's removal as you do. I think perhaps you had better, before long, consider who can be induced to join you as a teacher, or write hypothetically, say, It's possible we may need a teacher this fall. Will you come, &c. We shall send to learn to the Choctaws in Oct. after the meeting in Cincinnati; perhaps there will be an opportunity for you. Of Mr Willey's plans I know nothing.

Where are Mr & Mrs Palmer, & Miss Smith? I have not heard of them.

Truly yours S. B. Treat

If you conclude to [illegible] [illegible] not know what your plans will be. [illegible] hope to see you at some time [illegible]

Rev. J. P. [illegible]
[illegible] Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of April [illegible] has duly reached the Mis. Rooms; & I have laid the same before the Pru. Com.ee They cheerfully give their consent to your coming to the North, if it shall seem best [illegible] for you; & they also approve of Mrs. [illegible] coming with you. To us it appears important that you should be [illegible] by this way, just when your services are becoming so important; but the [illegible] of [illegible] makes no mistakes. He has sufficient reasons for all the dispensation; & it is the duty of us all to acquiesce. Some good end may be secured by your temporary absence; at least we will hope so.

I have no occasion to speak of the [illegible] which is the [illegible] in reference to your [illegible]. Your brethren will cheerfully aid you as far as may be in their power. I am sure that Wm. [illegible] will do all that he can. Please to [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] continued affection & esteem.

If you conclude to remain [illegible] do not know what your plans [illegible] like to see you at home. Perhaps you will be at the meeting of the Board at [illegible] the first week in Oct. It would give me much pleasure to welcome you once more to my home. We are already out of house [illegible] a family. Mrs. [illegible] am at the Miss. House for a few weeks in the summer. If you come to this place you will make your arrangements [illegible] before my house is taken. [illegible] shall know more of your plans hereafter.

The division of your church is what I have been looking for. It would seem better to have it more equally divided; but that, I suppose, may not be.

You are already informed that your letter of Feb. 5 arrived safely. An extract from it was published in the Herald. [illegible] that good tidings may still come from your Broad Land, as it is yet.

Present my affectionate regards to Mrs. [illegible] & Miss [illegible]. I earnestly hope that the Lord will be pleased again [illegible] this work.

As ever, your brother in the fellowship of Christ

[illegible]

Mission House, [illegible] 12. 1849.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

To your letter of March 23 I have made no reply. I did not hear from Miss Ashton till some days had elapsed; & the matter could not be laid before the Comee till our last meeting.

Now I am happy to say that Miss A. has been appointed an assistant missionary, with the understanding that she go into your family, to aid Mrs. K. Neither she nor you spoke of a formal appointment; but I concluded that it would be more grateful to her feelings to have such an appointment; hence I asked the Comee to give it.

I have written to her, informing her of her appointment; and I have also said that I doubt whether she would have a good opportunity for going to the Choctaws till Oct. Mr Byington now expects to proceed thither, directly after the meeting of the Board at Cincinnati; & she may accompany him. Perhaps Mr Wright & Mr. Copeland will be returning at that time.

I suppose you [illegible] [illegible], that it will be as comfortable to [illegible]

the commencement of [illegible], or [illegible] by many things, enjoying good health & good spirits.
She may correspond with you in regard to [illegible].
Mr. [illegible] conferred with the Com. in reference to the [illegible] pay for Testaments &c. We have no doubt of the propriety of your doing as you have done, and think the cost of transportation may be included in all cases. True, the Bible & Tract Soc. pay no money for the printing, or perform the work themselves; but, [illegible] no matter, there is always a large item of debit [illegible] for the time spent on the translations, (saying nothing of the cost or value of the [illegible] which makes them,) as also for that spent in getting the work through the press. Suppose you reckon up the cost of the Choctaw Testament [illegible] beyond what the Bible Soc. pay. It would be a pretty round sum, much more than you will have expended. We should be glad to get our books, the world round, at such a rate as you [illegible], the whole work being done by others.

Bro. [illegible] much that we might see you at Cincinnati. Some of us are very anxious to see your face on such an occasion. But there is a prospect that Messrs. Copeland [illegible] may be both away; & Bro. W. being also away to the [illegible] land, your mission will hardly feel the [illegible] [illegible], I fear. Perhaps I may meet with you again at the [illegible]. Christian [illegible] to Mr. & Mrs. [illegible] with you.

Your brother in the Lord. [illegible]

Have you any hope [illegible] Brother? You have seen my letter to Dr. Pomeroy. I have not gone into the details yet, with one exception; which has been Rev. E. Hotchkin; [illegible] of many questions.-

Dear Brother

I wish I could see your face for a short time. I should like to talk about several matters. 1. Those in Wheelock. I have written of the mission, as you will see, making some suggestions; but I did not feel sure that I could say the right thing; so I have left all to your discretion. What will Mr. Myers do? Will not Mr H. K. Copeland manage the secular affairs satisfactorily? Especially in that case, he can take that burden. I have a good opinion of him & his wife; though I feel more sure in regard to her than him. Will it do to transfer Bro. Byington to Wheelock? If there is any trouble among his old people, it may work well; perhaps he would like the change. Mr Stark, I presume, will have no good reason for leaving Goodwater. (The Com^ee consent to his coming north.) Supposing no older missionary to be placed at Wheelock, Mr. Reid, I think, will be the best, if he has health enough. [illegible] is a good, pious soul, none better; but I suspect Reid, if well, will command more respect. Perhaps we may send another man; but I want to get him into the Choctaw mission, if the way is clear. We shall see.

Have you any light on the Slavery question? I have seen my letter to Dr. [illegible]. It has not gone into the papers yet, with one exception; which has been distributed [illegible] or it has been [illegible]. This is better than a public demonstration, which I dislike. If you have any light to shed on this question, let us have it, by all means. Providence is keeping this matter in constant agitation. The Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin will keep the pot boiling for some time; we must be wide awake.

How do the brethren stand on this question? I hope we shall get into a better position at some future day. May it not be? I have a plan in my mind, not much different from what I mentioned to you on Boston Common. But I will not go into it now.

In the matter of finances we do not anticipate any trouble this year. We need a revival of the Church. Oh that we may have it, here & every where.

My kindest regards to [illegible] & all with you. Mr. & Mrs. Graves (of Thompson) were at our house not long since. He was [illegible] quite [illegible].

Adieu

Yours truly

[illegible]

Mill House, Bost[on]

May 14. 1853

Mrs. Mary L. Patterson

Oberlin. Ohio

Dear Madam

I have this moment received yours of May 9, with the extracts of Miss Brown. I am much pleased with her spirit; & I thank you for your kind interest in our affairs.

In respect to Grand Water I am compelled to say that it has no vacancy at present. A lady of fine qualifications was obtained for the place this fall; & she is now at her post. Nor have we any openings for female teachers just now, tho we may have soon. In which you may hear from me again.

Very truly yours S. B. Lurt

Miss. House Boston
May 20. 1853

Rev. H. C. Cannon Esq
Geneva N.Y.

Dear Brother

In reply to your favor of May 13, allow me to say that as against the "very sensitive & exacting consciences of our abolitionist friends," we shall gain nothing by my answering your inquiries. I presume Mr. Pomeroy has sent you a correspondence between him & myself on the general subject. He will present the matter in the most comprehensive & the most favorable light for us. It is better to avoid subordinate issues, & go for general views.

Very truly yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
May 20. 1853

Rev. S. Hall
Crow Wing, Miss.

Miss. Home Boston
May 20. 1853

Mission S. Hall,
Ojibwas

Dear Brother

Since the May [illegible] letter sent to you at Crow Wing, announcing that the Com^ee approve your agreement with Major Watrous, supposing it possible that you may be at La Pointe before you will receive that letter, I send you this brief note. Of the other topics alluded to in my letter I will not speak.

Christian salutations to all the [illegible] at La Pointe.

Very sincerely yours,
S. B. Treat

[illegible] of [illegible] ... or not. How do you [illegible] ... in regard to [illegible] ... Aug [illegible] 185[illegible]

Rev. S. Hall
Crow Wing, Upper
Miss. Min. Ter.

Dear Brother [illegible]

[illegible] letter of Feb 21 [?] was duly received (enclosing a [illegible]) and quite recently your favor of April 28, accompanied by a copy of the agreement made [illegible].

I thank you for your account of the journey to Crow Wing, & I recognize the good hand of our God that was so manifestly upon you. May he continue to be with you & [illegible] you in all your future labors.

The Comm[ee] [illegible] considered the agreement which you made with Mr. Watrous [?]. We could have suggested one or two changes; but on the whole it is better than we expected. We think that you acted wisely in closing the matter as you did.

In regard to the question of salary for yourself, I have not taken the advice of the Comm[ee] because I did not understand the case fully. I do not know precisely how you are to live at Crow Wing, whether in a house built at our cost, or not. (Though you have alluded to this subject) whether in part or the

[illegible] of the fur [illegible] or not. [illegible] in regard to the Posts for [illegible] may be. [illegible] Chamberlain,

It seems to me that when you have fairly become established at Green Bay, the matter can be taken up to better advantage. [illegible] to have a salary [illegible] at the same time. [illegible] the full [illegible] can not [illegible]. [illegible] you must [illegible] what may have not your [illegible] d'ail. [illegible] you [illegible]

L. B. Fears

P. S. I shall send a line to La Pointe, not knowing but you may be there about those days

[illegible] the Steward ship.

If we approve of your leaving for such a reason, you can not get any other man to take your place. For you will bear in mind that the case is worse than it was a year ago, owing to the dissatisfaction of your leaving. We have it accounted for your going to Mackinac, then [illegible] Steward ship so soon. We must [illegible] tell the whole story. And then who will take the place

~~[illegible]~~

~~read the part of your letter [illegible] that there was [illegible] progress on the subject in the~~

Mr. J. M. Chamberlain,

[illegible] Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 19th ult. has been received & laid before the Comee. They wish me to write to you again, expressing their desire that you will reconsider the matter of your release. In fact, they cannot see how you make out a case. On the contrary, your letter seems to contain the materials for a strong argument in the contrary direction. You have been disappointed in respect to the state of the school, & not without reason. But the same difficulty would meet any one else; & if you are justified in leaving through disappointment, will not another be also justified in doing the same thing? And who then shall take the stewardship?

If we approve of your leaving for such a reason, how can we ask any other man to take your place? So you will bear in mind that the case is worse than it was a year ago, upon the supposition of your leaving. We have to account for your going to the stewardship, then relinquishing the stewardship so soon; & we must in all honesty tell the whole story. And then who will take the place

2. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and the [illegible] of your letter [illegible]

that [illegible] progressive [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] which [illegible] made [illegible]

statements to me lately, [illegible] very [illegible]

ing; [illegible] I feel very reluctant [illegible] that he gave

me erroneous impressions. [illegible] I [illegible]

acquainted with the facts [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible]; while you, [illegible], [illegible] are

limited [illegible].

[illegible] had the [illegible] we [illegible] constantly [illegible] quite [illegible] it [illegible] some thought-

[illegible] inquiring [illegible] "Lord [illegible] have

we to do?" [illegible] [illegible] the end of this matter. But I think I can see

some light ahead, & I would fain believe that

time will bring about changes that perhaps we hardly

anticipate. It seems to me, moreover, that every year

will put us in a better [illegible] advantage to deal with the

question. I feel quite sure that we have advantages

now that we had not 12 months ago [illegible]

Were I in your case, I should work on

quietly, exerting all proper influences against Slavery,

but acting with a good deal of caution at present, on

high Christian principles, & [illegible] for better times.

At the [illegible] of [illegible], we shall be

very glad to have you carry out your [illegible].

We want very much to [illegible] discuss with such [illegible]

& thoughts [illegible] as well understood [illegible]

medium. If it is not so, I shall be much disappointed.

[illegible] truth, the question [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we resolved at once [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. I donot see but we must [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you leave; for I shall have very little [illegible] [illegible] another steward, at least within a few weeks or months.

If I understand your letter, there has been some improvement. Very well, that is hopeful. Be of good courage, & brighter days will dawn upon you. Will there not be no satisfaction, a few years hence, in feeling, "When we came here, the School was in a very low & unpromising state. Now it's [illegible] & flourishing." Is it not worth making a sacrifice for, to attempt to bring about such a change?

I agree perfectly with your views as to what should be done. Much depends on the harmony & Christian spirit of those engaged in such a work. The Saviour should reign in their hearts; & all their plans & desires should be in subjection to his will. Then there will peace & joy & success.

If we can do any thing to aid in raising the School, we shall be glad to do it. The Com^ee I have no doubt, would make a special appropriation of $50 or $100, if the money could be so expended as to give a new impulse to the School. Perhaps something may be devised, which will need a little extra aid. In such a case, the Com^ee will not be [illegible].

It will give us great pleasure to [illegible] with you in this line of things. Should the [illegible] of labor be somewhat increased by a charge for that which is free, there should be no objection.

I hope you will let me know what you think ought [illegible] done respecting labor in connection with [illegible] [illegible]; for I shall value your suggestion. Perhaps I may, in consequence of these, [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] upon the [illegible] the next [illegible].

Present my affectionate regards to Mrs C. & all [illegible] with you.

Fraternally & most
sincerely
yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Rome, Geo. Rev. [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
Augusta, Ill.

[illegible] Brother

[illegible] as I could [illegible]

You [illegible] [illegible] & I have [illegible] been waiting some days to answer. I am glad to hear of your continued improvement in health; & I hope & pray that the Lord may have a work for you [illegible] among the Choctaws during many coming [illegible] in regard to the amount which you [illegible] accomplish in teaching of labor, I presume [illegible] cannot be settled till you shall [illegible] the trial. Your ability may go far beyond [illegible] expectations. It is best to leave that to [illegible] Providence, provided you recover to the [illegible] thoroughly [illegible] contemplate.

You inquire of me [illegible] more teachers to the Choctaws this fall. I have received no applications hitherto. And yet it would not be strange, if there should be some vacancies.

You have heard of Mr. Wright's death at Wheelock. The loss is great to the mission & to the Choctaws; but he has lived longer than was to be expected. Some changes will occur at that station. I have written to the mission on the subject; but the decision must be with them.

Sulphur [illegible]

a Spark [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] taken in the [illegible] Mr [illegible]

made [illegible]

[illegible] the bottom on some

points, [illegible] I could

not [illegible] of a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in making

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] his mouth [illegible]

I think the [illegible] will be

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] matter is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] be quiet for a [illegible]

[illegible] deal of [illegible]

[illegible]

between a little. [illegible]

Then we take these [illegible] be a [illegible]

look at the question [illegible] & honesty.

It may [illegible]

character of the [illegible]

charges. Now [illegible]

while the [illegible] alas! [illegible]

P. S. [illegible]

Suppose a question should come up [illegible] a few months hence, involving the [illegible] matter. Might it not appear that there was a change of views?

I think it very likely that I shall feel called upon to address the brethren on some points, & I can hardly say when; for the time has not seemed to have come as yet, & then there will be a proper occasion for your speaking & defining your position. Till such an opportunity shall occur, I think you can with propriety be somewhat reserved, & having pursued this course your [illegible] will have more weight.

Let us pray for light & peace. We need wisdom from above. I would know just what the Lord's will is, & then do it. That we are to go on in the old ways (as before 1845,) I cannot believe. But we need to act with care. The Indians are jealous; & the whites around them may wish to have a voice in whatever affects this peculiar institution. This is one very serious embarrassment of the question. Were the Indians on the borders of free states, I should expect emancipation at an early day.

Please to present my kind regards to your friends, as also to those of your [illegible] [illegible].

As ever, fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

P. S. I have written rather freely, & for your eye alone.

[illegible] House, Boston
[illegible] 1853

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

Your letter of [illegible] 16 & March 4 did not reach me till May 16. That of April 12 arrived before it, as did one from Mr. W. of April 1. I regret the delays, as [illegible] have the [illegible] past. [illegible] Smith endeavor to find a place for it in the [illegible], though that is always much crowded.

I am truly glad to find that you have a little encouragement in your field. May the Lord permit you to see yet greater things than these! The leaving of Mr. Adams & his wife, I much regret. We have [illegible] of [illegible] to do much for the Dakotas some future time. I may not [illegible] [illegible] are not so much [illegible] as [illegible] should have been once. [illegible] made no allusion to the slavery question.

What will you do at Lac qui Parle? I suppose the matter will come up at [illegible]. Will Mr. [illegible] go to your station? And would it be best? With [illegible] [illegible] he has some [illegible] qualities in a [illegible] degree. Is it not so?

How [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] your station? In some respects [illegible] fill the place as much to your satisfaction. Mr. S. W. Pond, I presume, will hardly [illegible] to take a boarding school. Still I hope to find a good field of labor.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Riggs [illegible] not enjoy good health. She [illegible] felt the departure of [illegible] the Adams [illegible] upon her spirits. There is a very [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible]. She is free from blame, [illegible] or she is not. If the former, as I presume, she ought not to suffer any depression. [illegible] latter, then as a good Christian woman [illegible] not she has asked forgiveness, in a becoming manner, of Him who is ever ready to [illegible] people more than they ask or even think, & they should cease to keep grumbling [illegible] distress. Depression is something sinful as well as unwholesome. I trust she will [illegible] regain in health, as the summer comes with its sunny face.

I hope you will have a good [illegible] at Red Wing. I almost wish I could [illegible] you. If I had known it in season, [illegible] asked to join you, I should have been [illegible] to accept the invitation, as the time required to reach that place is not very great. But [illegible] have enough to do in Boston.

The effect of my letter in regard to the duty of Indian missions surprises me. I am taken aback, I must confess; for I never dreamed that such thoughts [illegible] would be awakened by [illegible]. I will write to the [illegible] on the subject. Others may have the same feelings.

The Com.ee have considered the question [illegible] propose in reference to Mr. [illegible] house property, & they concur in the view of yourself & brethren, viz. that it be repaired & [illegible]. You are at liberty, therefore, to proceed accordingly.

I believe I have now touched upon all topics which require a notice. Please assure Mrs. R. of my continued affectionate regard. Christian greetings to Miss Thomas & the others. Mr. & Mrs. Adams I suppose will have left.

As ever
fraternally,
Yours &c
[illegible]

S. B. Treat

Missionary House Boston
May 20 1863

Rev. Jos. W. Hancock. Miss. House Boston:
Red Wing. May 20 1863

Mr A. G. Huggins
Trav. des Sioux

Dear Sir

I had occasion to address a letter to Mr. Huggins which he may have on his way to Red Wing, if not directed to Lac-qui-parle. Hence I enclose it to you. You will learn whether to keep or send it till he comes to Traverse des Sioux, or to send it to Lac-qui-parle at once. Please to do as shall seem best. Kind regards to all.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House [illegible]
May 19. 1853.

Rev. Jno W. Hancock
Red Wing.

Dear Brother

I send herewith a letter to your mission, which I will thank you to lay before the brethren at their meeting at Red Wing in June. Though there is no expectation for the mission [illegible], I hope it will do no harm, if it does no good.

I shall look with much interest for the result of your meeting. Matters may come before you of considerable importance. They speak of [illegible] Mr. Adams [illegible] as we are sorry to learn.

Kind regards to Mrs H.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

I have some reason to fear that my paper on the success of Indian missions, read at Troy, may have excited unpleasant feelings among you; & I take this method to offer an explanation.

The idea of that paper originated with me. The preparation of it, also, as to form & substance was wholly mine. None ought to know its history & its object.

1. There was never a thought in my heart of doing any thing to help the Choctaw & Cherokee missions in their relations to slavery. I have been charged publicly by Lewis Tappan of getting up the whole thing to gloss over the fraud, iniquity, & blind the eyes of the churches to the wrong doings of the missionaries in this regard. This is utterly untrue. I know it.

2. My object was (1) to show that Indian missions had been much more successful than was commonly supposed & (2) consequently that there was much more reason for courage & perseverance in our efforts for the red man than is generally thought & (3) to do something toward the proclama

idea that the aborigines of the U.S. [illegible] must [illegible].
At first I expected to [illegible] several [illegible] of the [illegible] missions [illegible] also [illegible] the [illegible] in one paper. This I found to be impracticable. I must only confine myself to the first topic. But here again I found that I could make the best impression on behalf of the Indians, by [illegible] of the most successful missions, [illegible] from them. Hence the [illegible]. I took the Choctaws & Cherokees as the strongest illustrations of my position; & for [illegible] other reasons. I intended [illegible] the Indians in the argument; but I found that I had not room. Besides, we had of these [illegible] witnesses, [illegible]. And I have reason to think that my plan was [illegible] for my object.

Next fall, [illegible] another paper. [illegible] to make prominent the Southern Indians, as you will see, [illegible] the strength of my argument [illegible]. My allusion to the [illegible] missions was [illegible] all Christian [illegible]. I [illegible], after all that I had from your [illegible], that they [illegible] a very successful [illegible]. I [illegible] the interests of the Cherokees [illegible] circumstances [illegible] Treat

Rev. T. S. Williamson,
Dakota Mission.—

My dear Brother

Your letter of April 8 has reached the Miss. House in safety, though but little can be said in the praise of its speedy journey. It gave me much pleasure to hear of your welfare, & to learn that the severe trials of early winter had not been repeated. What you have already endured, I hope will suffice; but if it does not, we understand perfectly that a kind & loving hand will appoint all your burdens for you. And not only so, with the load he gives more of himself; & in this way he greatly enriches those who are sprinkled with the baptism of suffering. God is a most considerate and bountiful bestower of good. He deals with his creatures, not after the manner of man, but according to the multitude of his tender mercies. Oh, it is safe, always safe, to commit every interest, every fear, every burden to Him. Let us confide in Him, dear brother, that we may know the "unsearchable riches" of his love.

A considerable part of your letter Baptism will be in the Home Herald; probably enough of it in time to print [illegible] in the forthcoming No. I am glad to know that you have a little to cheer you in your work. God grant that the little cloud may become mighty through his grace, & distil its blessed influences on all your people! What mighty [illegible] for [illegible] faith ac=complish! "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe thou shouldest see the glory of God?" So said the Great Master to the [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] as good now as it was when He spake.

I trust the Lord will give you wisdom at your meeting in June. You will need light from above, that you may plan judiciously for your future operations. I hope your [illegible] will be [illegible] to the [illegible] work of your brethren. With much interest shall I wait for the result, praying that it may be for the honor of the Master.

Please to assure Mrs. N. your [illegible] [illegible] all of us [illegible] affectionately [illegible] in Christ [illegible] [illegible]

As ever, I remain,
your brother in the gospel

S. B. Treat

like occasion to send them [illegible] they believe a collegiate course [illegible] case is different.

May 25. 1855

Rev. C. H. Lord
Hanover, N. H.

Rev & Dear Sir

Your favor of May 9. with the accompanying papers, I have duly received; & today I have laid them before our Committee. Your account is approved; & I have drawn for the amount, according to our custom.

We have also adopted three resolutions to the effect (1) that Wilson be allowed to complete his course, (2) regretting (in advance) the adoption of a rule that shall they not aid to Indians in college & (3) suggesting that the Soc. in Scotland grant assistance to Indians in College in exceptional cases, upon special application for reasons to be deemed satisfactory by the Soc., such as the promising character of the applicant, the scarcity of suitable candidates for the Moore school, &c.

I have offered a few suggestions in framing these resolves: & I go so far as to say that I am not at all sure but that the Society should aim to have constantly one young man in college, provided a suitable beneficiary can be found. The fact is, the Indians themselves are introducing into their tribes schools of a lower grade; but colleges they cannot have. The Choctaws & Cherokees have High Schools; & they have but

the mission [illegible] [illegible]

they below a religious condition [illegible] [illegible] to

every difference.

John Reed Stone [illegible] I regard our missionaries as good

judges as to who should be fully educated, & who

not. They are upon the ground. If a whole

mission will deliberately recommend a youth

for a full course, I should think it deeply

wrong in me [illegible] the privilege.

So now.

Very respectfully

& truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

P.S. I send herewith the Bills check for

$1605.90.

Miss^y. House Boston
May 25. 1[illegible]8[illegible]

John Tawse Esq
Sec. &c &c &c

Dear Sir

The Commissioners of your Society have held their annual meeting at the Miss^y. House this day. The account of Mr. Lord was examined by a competent Committee, & found to be properly vouched, the amount expended by him being $655.90. In his statement, he says, "I have a little exceeded my limits. It had been impossible to control the matter the past year. The arrangements for the future will bring it within compass." We have great confidence in Mr. Lord's wisdom & fidelity in such a matter. In accordance with a vote of the Commissioners, I have this day drawn for the above mentioned sum; & I doubt not the bill will receive due attention.

The letter of Mr. Lord, which I send herewith, will afford you pleasure, I venture to say, as showing that the young men at Hanover are worthy of your patronage. His statements I regard as perfectly reliable.

Having taken into consideration certain matters in Mr Lord's letter, the Commissioners have ventured to pass three resolutions, which I beg leave to transmit to your Society.

Resolved 1. That we respectfully request the Society in Scotland for propagating Christian Knowledge to continue its aid to Joseph Folsom during the remaining year of his collegiate studies.

2. That we should regret the adoption of a rule by the Society in Scotland, which shall hereafter preclude from its bounty all Indian youth, while members of College.

3. That we respectfully suggest that the Society in Scotland grant its assistance in certain exceptional cases, when special application, for reasons that seemed satisfactory by itself, such as the promising character of the applicant, the paucity of suitable candidates for the Choctaw school. ~~~

It is hardly necessary for me to offer any remarks on these resolutions. To us the case of Folsom seems to present very strong claims. In regard to the general principle, we trust your Society will think that you have sufficient safeguard in the third resolution. I think Mr Lord has rather underrated the reasons for a college course in some instances; and I say this as having a more intimate acquaintance with Indian missions. In fact, I am not at all sure but that the Society should aim to have always one young man in College, provided a suitable beneficiary can be found. The Indians are introducing very good schools of a lower grade; but colleges they cannot have; & they are generally unable to support their sons at such institutions in the States.

The missionaries will generally be safe

pass as to the persons already [illegible] education. If the Choctaw, Cherokee, or Seneca mission under our care, should confidently recommend a youth for a full course (in our American schools) I should think the bounty of your Society well expended in giving effect to their wishes. I write thus, because I have been upon the ground, & know the men.

The officers chosen by the Commissioners are the same as they were last year. viz

John Tappan Esq. Pres.
Rev. Wm. Jenks, DD Vice Pres.
Rev. S. B. Treat. Sec.
Hon. Saml. H. Walley Treas.

I presume I shall receive a letter from Rev. Mr. Wright at an early day; & I shall transmit it immediately.

I remain, dear Sir,
most respectfully
truly yours

S. B. Treat. Secy

P. S. The bill is for £134.3.5 at thirty days sight on your treasurer in favor of H. Hill.

Miss. Rooms Boston
~~Mis~~ House, Boston
May 31. 1853

Rev. E. Teles

Mr. H. A. Wentz
Lane Seminary.

Dear Brother

In my letter of April 5 I informed you that I had written to Mr Worcester of the Cherokee mission, to inquire if there was a good place there for a single man. I have now received his answer.

He thinks that an unmarried man could be usefully employed, in preaching wherever he might be needed, but residing at one of the stations. The mission have wished to do something more in the way of itinerating labor. Mr Willey was here last week; he thought a single man might live at Honey Creek, & so set Mr Hall free for itinerating, in which he might be very useful.

I think there will be no difficulty, therefore, in providing a place for you as solus; but I say again, "to go out well married is better." And it seems to me best to leave the matter in this wise. viz. You go to the Cherokees either single or not, unless the providence of God should point specially & strongly to the Choctaws. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as convenient. Very sincerely yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Rev. C. Sale,
Cherokees.—

Dear Brother,

My letters of May 5 & 10 you will have received; & I have to acknowledge yours of May 3 which has reached me to-day. I rejoice that you have poured out your heart so freely, even where there may be an implication that I have not done just right. I am deeply anxious for your happy & successful missionary life; & shall always be glad to have you write with entire freedom. And I shall ever be desirous of doing what I can for you & Mrs. S. with the utmost [illegible] charge. I feel that you have a right to my sympathy, my prayers, & my official support, so far as it can consistently be granted.

1. The loss of your goods I have learned today for the first time. You may think it strange that I should not be posted up in all matters known at the Hall; but we are all busy in our respective affairs, & so are often ignorant of what others understand perfectly. You alluded to the long detention of your goods in [illegible] of [illegible] & [illegible] delays often happen; & the thought of a loss did not occur to me.

It seems to me that you should have been

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] some [illegible],
which I deeply regretted. You will of course [illegible]
your wants for the summer, or in the fall
you can, if you can order from the Miss. House
what you shall need further. The [illegible] are
well made good. Please to give me [illegible] the
colors for buying another, as shall enable Mr.
Tomlinson to obtain another of equal value.
We will not deprive Mrs. T. of the pleasure of
having music in her habitation.

There will of course be some of the expense in this business. Whatever shall arise, beyond
your allowance for 1853, may be provided for
by special appropriation; what will come into
1854 through the Miss. House or otherwise, may
be covered by the estimates of your mission for
1854, to be made out in the fall.

2. I would repeat all that I have said
in reference to Mr. Tileston. If possible,
devise some mode of relief. Can you get
for a leader, to recomit? Think of it.

And now as to her sister. We shall be happy
to send her to your relief. I suppose [illegible]
expects to return in Oct. Could perhaps she
wants, a new [illegible] may go out at the same
time, alone, if Mr. Wilky is not ready.
You may open a correspondence already,
[illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible]

What then of another [illegible]: [illegible] [illegible]
not even J. a teacher for Miss Smith's [illegible] [illegible]
her be another who can join her. Would not
Miss Smith take hold with F. in [illegible]
matters, if she does not teach? And would
she fail not to be agreeable with F.?

I think Miss Smith had better give up
the school, & if Mr. Ranney had written to my office
you may consider my opinion as settled. How
I shall manage the matter with her, I do not know.
I know not where to find her as yet. But when
she comes into these parts, I will present the
subject to her father consideration; & I hope
the result will be as you wish. I shall not
name the matter of assisting Mrs. T. without
authority from you.

3. You speak of your misapprehension as of
Mr. Willey's statements; & you leave me to infer that
I may have deceived in this respect.

Now I intended to give you a correct
impression in regard to Fairfield in the present.
As to particulars, I had no knowledge. I supposed
you would find it somewhat run down, & I
said as much. I could only infer from the
neglect of the station for a certain time, what
must be its condition when you would reach
it. This I supposed you understood. What Mr.
Willey may have said, I cannot know.
As to his statements, I may say that there
only [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] brief.

& my mind may be much occupied with important matters, that I attended very imperfectly to his remarks. I have seen (in one instance I believe) a report of his remarks at some meeting; but a newspaper report is poor authority, as I have learned in my own sad experience. I have heard no complaint from any one.

I shall expect Mr W. to present a pleasing picture, as he is strongly inclined to look on the bright side, so far as the Cherokees are concerned. (I hope you will not go to the other extreme.) And he may fail in balancing his statements properly; & so he may leave a different impression from what he intends to leave.

We find it very difficult for visitors or our missionaries, to present perfect pictures of the various missionary fields. What is right for one is not the thing for another. That is, a statement that carries nothing but truth to one, will carry no truth to another. You may object to my paper read at Troy. But I had vouchers for all that I said; & I did not profess to give a comprehensive likeness, but rather to show what had been accomplished, to justify the inference that the Indians could be made partakers of a true Christian civilization. But I must pause.

I hope this will find you and Mrs S. in good health, with just as much of comfort & encouragement as the Master sees to be best for you, & with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Cordial affections to Mrs S. Yrs ever yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
June 3 1853

Mr. Benj.n Greenleaf
Bradford, Mass.—

Dear Sir

I have learned from Mr Worcester, of the Cherokee mission, that you are willing to make the calculations for the Cherokee Almanac gratuitously. If you have, indeed, made the offer, I desire to thank you for it, & to say that Mr W. & myself will be most happy to avail ourselves of your assistance. Please to let me hear from you in reply; on the receipt of an answer, I will write to Mr W. who will address you on the subject.

Most truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
June 3 1853

Rev. M. N. Adams,
Dakotas. –

Dear Brother

Your letters of Feb 28 & [illegible] 16 are received. I regret that you propose to leave the mission; & I hope that something may turn up at your meeting to retain you. But if it shall not be so, there should be a vote of the mission on the subject of your release. Please to obtain that, & forward at once.

I shall write to you soon, perhaps before I hear from you. Your impressions in regard to changes from what was done at [illegible] I deny in toto, as you will see. And I do not see that Dr. Williamson's abstract opinion on polygamy is at all wrong. Nor on abstract

Ans'd [illegible] June [illegible] 1853.

Rev. M. N. Adams
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

I addressed a brief note to you at Red Wing last week, in regard to obtaining a vote of the mission on the subject of your release; but before hearing from you in reply, it seems proper that I should say a few words in regard to your 1st & 2nd reasons.

1. You allege our connection with slavery as a reason for asking a release; & you dwell particularly on what was done at Troy. You will have seen my letter to the mission, in explanation of this matter, & I hope that it will be satisfactory. I had the sole direction of the business from the first; & I say most unequivocally that "special pains were" not "taken, & extra efforts were" not "made to pass the subject over unrebuked;" & it was not in my thoughts, as the faintest shadow of an idea, to make capital for the Choctaws & Cherokees in reference to this question. I wished to show the success of Indian missions, & also the possibility of educating & saving a remnant of the red race; & I supposed in my simplicity that "all Indian missionaries would rejoice in the effort."

And now one of the greatest objections from the
[illegible]
[illegible]
designedly to make so grave a charge. It may
be expected to have some reputation for [illegible]
honesty, [illegible] my [illegible]. And [illegible]
If you will consider the matter calmly? you will
say that you have made a very serious accusa-
tion against us, without any reason whatever.

But you will say perhaps that you were for-
merly dissatisfied with our position. To this point
I will say but little. The principles of the Board
are contained in my letter of June 22 to the
the Choctaw mission. We have always adhered to
them, & we still adhere to them. If these are
not satisfactory, I have nothing to propose.

If you claim that the Board has not sanctioned
these formally, I admit that they have not formally,
but they have, virtually, by not annulling our
action. This is as clear as any thing can be,
and then it is also clear that the large majority
of the members of the Board, corporate & honorary,
do hold individually these same principles.

2. Your 2d reason relates to Dr. Williamson's
polygamy. Has the Dr. ever admitted a polygamist
to his church? I presume not. And is the fact
that he entertains this theoretical opinion alone
a reason for your leaving the Board, though we
have shown that the Board had expressed no
opinion on this subject? Have you not [illegible]

tiny that can control this matter, and is it wise a question that belongs not to [illegible] [illegible] a boy?

But the Com[illegible] did express an opinion on this subject in 1848, & objection was made thereto in a meeting of the Board; but Dr. [illegible] made a memorable reply, which none who heard it, will forget. That opinion stands to this hour.

As a matter of fact no polygamists are admitted to mission churches. Within a few years they have been refused in [illegible] & among the Choctaws, to my certain knowledge; & since my coming to the Miss. House I have not known one case to the contrary.

Now it seems to me, dear brother, that you ought to put this question on the 3d ground, or no other. You will admit, I doubt not, that had it not been for the difficulty in regard to the boarding school, you would not have asked for this release. Why then not leave the matter just there, & omit the other 2d reasons?

I have written the foregoing with the idea that you will see to leave at all events. I must confess that I have some hope, that ~~some~~ an arrangement can be made that, which will be entirely satisfactory. In the mean time, I am

my dear sir affectionately yours
S. B. Treat

Rev. C. C. Copeland,
Williamsville, N. Y.

Dear Brother

Saturday's mail brought me yours of June 2, announcing your safe arrival at Buffalo. I congratulate you on having made so long a journey, amid perils seen & unseen, without serious accident or bodily harm. And I pray the Lord to make your coming out there partly a means of increased health & usefulness to both Mrs. C. & yourself.

Your letter of April 20 I received a few days ago. Mine to you of May 7 you did not get, of course. In it I expressed my sympathy with you & your good wife in your recent bereavement. I too have had some experience in the loss of children, having followed four to the grave. But I have found it good to be afflicted. So may you!

You do not speak of the arrangements made for Mt Pleasant during your absence. I suppose, however, that Mr. Sanding will take the chief burden upon him. He is rather new in the harness for such an amount of responsibility; but I trust the Lord will give him strength & wisdom.

I suppose you were at the Illinois meeting in May; but I have not inquired to that regiments, & know but little, therefore, as to what was done. I hope I shall be duly informed, as I feel some interest in the matter.

I shall expect to see you before your return, at some point; at Cincinnati, if not before. I presume your own plans are not definitely formed as yet. When they are, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Let me give you one caution. You come to these parts for rest. It is not wise, therefore, to do much work in the way of preaching or talking. You will have many invitations to speak; but always remember that the recovery of health is the first thing to be attended to; & nothing should be attempted which interferes with this result. You may consider this as a charge from "Paul the aged" who has had some experience in this matter; & so you can excuse yourself, when pressed to do what your sober judgment condemns. Our ministers often try to do too much.

Affectionate regards to Mrs C. & her friends also.

As ever, me fraternally
yours

S. W. Treat

Miss. House Boston.
June 6. 1853

Mr H. K. Copeland
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

Have received yours of May 10, also Mr Wright's of May 4, which came after yours. I write to say a word in regard to Miss Bigelow's teaching the school alone. I think you ought not to put so much upon her as to endanger her health. It is not right to do so, nor is it good economy. Hence it seems to me that you & Mrs. C. & Miss Bigelow, with the advice of others, had better make up your minds either (1) not to have a very large school, or if (2) you propose to have one that is too large for one, to get another teacher at once. There will be a chance for going out in Oct. probably.

There is no time to be lost, however. If Mrs. Hobbs is quite sure that she can find a teacher who is suitable, let her do it. If not you can write to the lady in Granville, Ohio, to write to me without delay; & if she will go, let her send her testimonials. Mrs Hobbs can also write to her friend, asking her to correspond with me at once. And if you will give me your decision as to what should be done, & c. in favor of a teacher's being sent, I also will be on the lookout. Mr Pinson wrote to me some weeks ago, wishing

to know if we needed more teachers. You might write to him to correspond with me. Some of [illegible]

to know if we needed more teachers. He might write to him, or correspond with him. Some of these thirty might bring us a field.

If you are likely to need a teacher within a year, it seems advisable to take advantage of the opportunity we shall probably have in the fall.

Mr Copeland reached Buffalo June 2. The rest of the party he had left behind.

Christian greetings to Mrs C. & Mrs B. & all at the station.

As ever, very truly yours

S. B. Treat

I have just received a letter from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the question has arisen whether [illegible] would [illegible] position, either in the Cherokee or Choctaw [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a school, hold meetings, [illegible] would [illegible] be willing [illegible] the place, & would he be adapted to the work? Could he go to a new place, & commence a station, getting up the necessary buildings without aid or [illegible]? Could he hold meetings [illegible]? Could he acquire the language well? Could he grow into a preacher after a time? What is his age, education, piety, &c.? Would his wife be a true helpmeet in such a work?

If these questions can receive a favorable answer, I am not sure but we can find a place for him in one of the missions. Let me hear from you on this subject.

Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Mission House of Boston
Jany. 7 1848

Rev. H. K. Bradford,
Milan, Ohio

Dear Brother

I have just received a letter from
Mr. Byington in reply to mine respecting Mr.
Stanley. We have no vacancy among the stewards in
of the boarding schools, though I have supposed it possi-
ble there might be one. But the question has
arisen whether Mr Stanley would like another
position, either in the Cherokee or Choctaw mission.
We need some laymen occasionally to teach
a school, hold meetings, &c at a station or stations.
Would Mr S. be willing to go on this plan, & would he
be adapted thereto? Could he go to a new place, &
commence a station, getting up the necessary buildings
with such aid as he can procure? Could he hold
meetings to the profiting of the Indians? Could he
acquire the language well? Could he grow into
a preacher after a time? What is his age, edu-
cation, piety, &c? Would his wife be a true helpmeet
in such a work?

If these questions can receive a favorable
answer, I am not sure but we can find a place
for him in one of the missions. Let me hear
from you on this subject

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

~~Miss. Rooms, Boston~~

June 7. 1853

Rev. C.C. Copeland,
~~R. Choctaws.~~ Byington,

Dear Brother

Your letters from Mt Pleasant (May 3) n/r Doaksville, I have this moment received. The minutes of your ~~meeting~~ meetings, with four ~~other~~ letters from the different missionaries, came at the same time. I think it desirable that I see you soon, that we may talk over matters. I would, therefore, propose that you come to Boston, or that we meet at Saratoga Springs. I suppose you will go to Vermont, & you can take one of these places in your way. If you come to Boston, I shall be ready at any time to see you at No 3 Boylston Place. If you go to Saratoga Springs, I can meet you there, say June 15–19. On some accounts I should prefer Saratoga Springs. My eyes are weak, & I am a little out of sorts in my throat, and a jaunt to Saratoga, with a taste of the waters, might do me good.

Let me hear from you on this subject.

Very truly yours,

S.B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston
June 3. 1853

Rev. C. Byington,
Choc. Nat.—

Dear Brother

Your short letter of May 10, suggests several topics which need to be touched upon in my reply.

1. I hope (with you) & believe that Mr. Chamberlin will stay at the seminary for the present. The tone of his letters has altered of late. I should regret his leaving just now very much. I fear it will be difficult to find a good woman for Mrs. L's place; but we will try.

2. I sympathize with Mrs. B. in her want of suitable help; & I hope that you will yet be able to supply her. You speak of our sending out a woman for this purpose; still you do not directly ask it. What is your wish? If you desire it, we will see what can be done.

3. My statement in regard to hardship, as I recollect, was in the general paragraph, viz. "I should like to know such a fact, in similar circumstances." But I may have erred in referring to it. My feeling was just this: "Now my Bro. Byington is a dear good brother, a truly devoted, hard working missionary; but he dwells upon the trials of missionary life more than is for his good." And this is my opinion at the present time; & I give it as the

result of severe experience. [illegible]
bring me a little in the [illegible] [illegible]
it is not well for me. I then think, "Christ knows all
my things, & the responsibilities on me; & I will receive
them, humbly & thankfully, as from his hand. I will not think
of the agency of others; I will only see his loving & merciful
just appointment". In this way I have peace. I forget
my trials. Nay, I glory in them, as Paul did, & I see
this the more excellent way.

But you must not think that I am indifferent
in regard to the trials of missionaries. It is not so. It is one
of my trials that I am brought into such close & endear-
ed relations, with suffering brothers & sisters, whom I
would do far more, if I could; & yet cannot. I
sometimes wish to be relieved of my present [illegible]-
tion for this very reason. But I must hasten on.

3. I have written to Dr Bartlett to make further
inquiry in regard to Mr. Stanley.

4. You speak of Cyrus's support &c. I will say
in a word, what I suppose will meet your wishes.
If you find it difficult to meet his bills, you may
draw on the Board for an amount not exceeding
$60. And when that sum is exhausted, if you
want any further aid, let me know it. [illegible]
[illegible] will be satisfactory.

Kind regards to Mrs B.

As ever, your [illegible]
brother in the Lord
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 9. 1853

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokees
Mr. H. K. Copeland
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the minutes of your last mission meeting, also of your two letters May 20 & 2[illegible]. I am very glad that you have written so freely in regard to Wheelock matters; & I think I understand the difficulties of the case. I am giving the subject my best thoughts; & I hope soon to bring the question before the Com. in some shape; & as soon as I know their views, I will apprise you.

In the mean time I wish you and Mrs C. to possess your souls in quietness & peace. Wait patiently, till the Lord shall show us all the true way. You have the confidence of the Comee & they will endeavor to make an arrangement that shall be satisfactory. One thing I may say, perhaps, which is that we have not supposed that Mr. W. would wish "to retain the direction of the school, or any part of it;" & I do not think that the Comee would advise his doing so. But more soon.

Kind regards to Mrs. C.

Very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

I could wish that you [illegible]
[illegible] June 16 1853.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,

Cherokee Na.

Dear Brother

I have received several letters from you, which I take pleasure in acknowledging under this date.

1. Yours of March 30 informing me of your action in reference to Madam Vassonancy. I sincerely regret that you should have any such trouble & distraction, especially when [illegible] of those who ought to know & do better. We expect these things in our part of the world, where many noxious weeds grow with rankest luxuriance; but for the Indians I have supposed them inappropriate & out of place. I hope Mr. Chamberlain has long since ceased to burden your hospitality. It is pleasant to have angels come among us unawares; but such people do not belong in that category.

I thank you for your opinion in regard to Miss Smith. You will have received mine on the same subject before this reaches you. It would seem that a change should be made.

2. For yours of April 26 my thanks are due. Unless the demand for Mr Wentz among the Cherokees should be very urgent, I think he will join you this fall, taking in the [illegible]; which he does not know; & of course I am no wiser than he.

I could only [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible]; but could only [illegible] into the matter [illegible].

In regard to the N.Y. Observer I feel very much as you do; & so are a large majority. Mr Prime's course is generally disapproved; there is less sympathy with him here than in England. The quarrel between Dr H. Ward Beecher & Dr Parker need not have been, & would not have been, & would not have been, but for Mr Prime. This is the common belief in these parts.

I would have made "Uncle Tom" a somewhat different book; yet I suspect strongly that it will give slavery a heavy blow; & the "Key" will follow it with another. The "strength of the Union" in that state?

3. I am glad that you have written your letter of May 4, as it may be of use [illegible] as a testimony. At the time I wrote my letter to Dr Plumer, it did not occur to me, [illegible] that whenever slaves are employed by the missions, it is done with [illegible] of [illegible] & consent of the society, because this has been regarded as a settled point for at least thirty years. In my report to the Pru. Com. in 1848 (see annual Report p. 9[illegible]) I say, "It was understood, however, that the hiring should always be with the free consent of the slave:" [illegible] [illegible] as this fact has never been called in question, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in all the discussions which [illegible] taken place in this part of the world, my attention

was not particularly [illegible] [illegible]. If there should be occasion for a supplementary statement, I shall avail myself of your letter.

4. Your note in reference to the Nautical Almanac was duly received; & I immediately wrote to Benjn Greenleaf, Bradford, Mass. but have only received his answer within a few days. He says "I will furnish you with the calculations for the year 1854; when completed, I will leave the calculations at the Mis. House." He makes the calculations for you gratuitously. You will of course write to him in reference to the matter.

Kind regards to Mrs W. Miss Hall, & all.

Yours, most truly

S. B. Treat

P.S. I saw Mr Willey a short time since. He hopes to return in Oct.

Mis. House Boston
June 14. 1853

Rev S. Hall,
La Pointe

Dear Brother

As it is possible a letter may reach you at La Pointe, I will just say that I have today received yours of May 17, & do not feel at all disheartened by its contents. We are doing God's work; that I feel sure of; & hence we have no occasion for discouragement, when his Providence is not just as we would have had it. Courage, then, & work on. The Lord will give us such a measure of success as pleases him.

In regard to the La Pointe

P.S. I have written to Mr [illegible] at Green Bay

property. I can only say, "Do the best you can." We can ask nothing more. It seems rather strange that a man should be able, according to law, to get the whole village of La Pointe! But strange things happen in this world.

I hope you will have a pleasant journey to Crow Wing for all your company. May the Lord encamp round about you! And may he give you blessed work in your new home!

Affectionate regards to Mrs Hall, the children, and all your fellow laborers.

Fraternally yours
S B Treat

P. S. Have written to Mr Pulsifer at Crow Wing

Mis. House & Boston
June 11. 1863

Mr. Chs. Pulsifer

Dear Brother

Your favor of April has been received & read with pleasure. About these days, I suppose, you will be starting for Crow Wing, hence I will send this letter to that point.

I have just received a letter from Mr Hall, dated May 17; & though there seems to be a little uncertainty in regard to the future, I hope the Lord will design to bestow his blessing upon your enterprise. It is one in which the Ojibwas are deeply interested; & I am quite hopeful. At any rate, "Duties are ours, results are God's."

Mis. House Boston

June 15 1853

Rev. G. Beckwith

[illegible] You will leave your school with regret; but a wider door, I trust, is opening before you. In your new field, you will have a more direct & constant influence upon the pupils. May it be for the saving of their souls!

Mr Willey has not returned to the Cherokee mission, & will not, I presume, till October. We hope to send a new missionary into that field this year. Perhaps he will go to Honey Creek, & let Mr Huss itinerate. I suppose a change is needed there.

Christian regards to Mrs Robinson & Hall at your station.

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 15 1853

Rev. G. [illegible]
[illegible]. –

Dear Brother.

I have just received a letter from Miss Thayer, in which she speaks of her unfitness for her place in strong terms; & I am afraid that she is laboring under some degree of despondency. She seems to think she had better leave the service of the Board. Now I should like to know from a kind friend precisely what is the difficulty. Is it such a season of spiritual darkness as many Christians have, & as passes away again, or is there danger of its continuance? Is her health good, apparently? Or is the trouble there?

She is willing to give up the superintendence of the school to you, or do any thing that may be thought best. What would you advise in this respect? She has never received a formal appointment; nor has Miss Peck. Is it best to give one or both an appointment, & put the school upon a new basis, or shall we go on as we have done?

You know that I have always had a high regard for Miss T. in which I have been encouraged by what you have said of her; & I should be sorry to lose her services in the school. Is there any need of this?

Please to let me hear from you soon.

Kind regards to Mrs. T.

Fraternally Yours

[illegible]

[illegible] Boston,
June [illegible] 1853.

Miss M. J. F. Thayer,
[illegible]

Dear Miss T.

I have just received your letter of June 11. & I sincerely sympathize with you in your trouble growing out of the delay of the [illegible]. I hope, however, that this hindrance will soon be removed. In the mean time let patience have her perfect work.

More deeply do I feel for you on account of those spiritual trials which you mention; though I am left somewhat in the dark in regard to their nature & extent. I have never been left to the buffeting of Satan; nor have I walked in darkness of soul. I sometimes think I have too little piety for such trials. But I am naturally cheerful & even in my temper; & hence I cannot know your sorrows, as many [illegible] them.

Let me ask, what is the cause of your present feelings? Is your health good? Or have you over-tasked yourself, & brought on you a double burden of bodily & spiritual ailments? If so the path of duty is plain. Rest; & let the body regain its elasticity. If this is not the secret of the trouble, what is it? If you say, "deeper views of sin than I have ever had," I reply, the consequence need not follow.

Miss Home Boston

It is one of the glories of our religion, that the deeper we are in death, the higher we rise. The more we loathe ourselves, the happier we can be in the Beloved. In fact, man knows but little about joy, who has not experienced a feeling, springing up from the lowest depths of his humiliation, that makes Christ his All, & brings him peace as a river.

I will hope that this cloud will soon pass away, & that the Sun of Righteousness will break forth upon you with new splendor & beauty. The Lord grant that it may be so.

In regard to any new arrangement, I think it will be for you & Prof. Peck to confer with Mr Rockwood, & to agree upon a plan that shall seem best. I have written to him on the subject. I should certainly regret, most deeply, any necessity that should take you away from the school, & I have not brought myself to believe that this will be necessary.

Let me say, in closing, Look to the author & finisher of our faith. In your own heart you will find nothing good. The best Christian's heart is as a cage of unclean birds. But no matter. Christ saves to the uttermost. Rest on this simple truth, asking for nothing more. So it shall be well with you.

Affectionate regards to our fellowlaborers

Very truly yours

W. B. Fears

P. S. Yours of March 30 was duly received.

Miss. House Boston
June 16. 1853

Rev. A. Gleason,
Senecas.—

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 1 I should have answered sooner; but I have looked to receive another before this, bringing good tidings. Though I have not received a letter, I will hope that the Lord has blessed you greatly, & that you will have much to say of his loving-kindness to the Senecas.

Your Indians are as a city set upon a hill. They are known & read, if not of all men, at least of a great multitude; & many will take their impressions of what may be done for the red man, & for the heathen generally, from the success of the Seneca mission. Do your people feel their responsibility in this respect, as they ought? The state of things in the N. Y. Indian mission has been made an objection by some of the whites to giving to the Board. I trust it will not be so hereafter.

You know of course that C. C. Copeland is in those parts. Probably you may have seen him.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. G. & all with you [illegible]

As ever yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan 16. 1853

Rev Asher Wright &c

Dear Brother

Your report for Scotland I suppose will be forthcoming soon, & I shall be glad to forward it as soon as may suit your convenience. It will answer in the main, perhaps entirely, for a report to me in view of our Annual meeting.

Mr Pomeroy informs me that he saw you at Buffalo; & he gave me your hymn book, for which I thank you. May its hymns be a source & means of great comfort & joy to the Senecas!

Please to assure Mrs W. of my continued interest in her. &c

As ever yours. S. B. Treat

Mis. Rooms Bo[ston]
June 17 1853

Rev. O. P. Stark
Philad. Pa.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 10th should have replied at once; but I was waiting to hear from C. C. Copeland, as his answer might [affect] mine to you. I wish to see you both in relation to Choctaw matters, especially schools; and I wish them to meet me at Saratoga Springs or Ballston. Though I gave the preference to the former. I have just received his reply, viz. that he cannot come to Saratoga this week, but will visit Boston, probably next week. He also says I may find you there. Perhaps you are there, or are going. If so, very well. I think I shall leave for Saratoga on Monday. I shall stop at Washington Hall; and should like to see you. If you have not gone away I trust you will set off, so as to meet me by the close of the week. I shall write to Mr. C[illegible] and to meet me there also.

Very Sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 17. 1853

Rev. C. C. Copeland
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Brother

I have just received yours of the 16th. I have written Bro. Stark to meet me at Saratoga next week; & I wish you to come also, if it is practicable. Seek me at Washington Hall, where Chancellor Walworth's [illegible]

Kind regards to Mrs C
[illegible],

Truly yours.

S. B. Treat

P.S. Shall wait for you all the week

Miss. Rooms Bost.

June 17. 1853

Rev. C. C. Copeland
Williamsville N. Y.

Dear Brother

I have just received yours of the 14th. I have written to Dr. Stark to meet me at Saratoga next week, & I wish you to be there also, if it is practicable. Call on me at Washington Hall, above Chancellor Walworth's.

Kind regards to Mrs. C.

In haste

Truly yrs

G. B. Ide

P. S. I will wait for you all the week.

Mis. Rooms Boston.
June 17. 1853

Rev. A. S. Stark,
Saratoga Springs.

Dear Brother

From a letter of Mr P. C. Copeland, I infer that you may be at Saratoga. If so, I have to call on; for I hope to be there early Monday. Look for me at Washington Hall.

I have written to you at Philadelphia; & you will receive the letter, I presume.

Fraternally
as ever. Truly
[illegible]

W. S. [illegible]

[illegible]

June 17 1852

Messrs Selfridge & Castle

Philadelphia Pa

Gents

I wish Mr O B Stark to meet me at Saratoga Springs next week. Perhaps he has gone but perhaps he has not gone. Will you have the goodness to forward the accompanying note to him, wherever he may be, that if practicable he may see me, and [illegible]. I presume such a note will be serviceable to him.

Truly yrs,

[illegible signature]

Miss. House Boston
June 10. 1858

Miss. House, Boston
June 15 1858

Miss Abbie A Fay
North Hadley, Ms.

Dear Miss Fay

I have this morning received a note from Mr. J. L. Chamberlain, enclosing yours of March 23 to him, & he approves the hope that you may join him at Stockbridge. Supposing your qualifications for Mrs Lathrop's place be satisfactory, as I presume they will prove to be, we shall be gratified with your compliance with Mr. C's wishes, & shall send you forth with great pleasure. Please to let me hear from you on this subject.

Very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 14. 1853.

Hon. Walter Lowrie,
Cor. Sec. Presby. Board
of For. Missions.

Dear Sir

I learn from my brethren among the Choctaws, that they have invited the Rev. Mr. Edwards, one of your missionaries, to take the place of Mr Wright at Wheelock, in accordance with the wishes of our greatly lamented brother. Though personally unacquainted with Mr E. I have no doubt as to his qualifications for the vacant post; but we have nothing to influence his mind in the least, in the decision of the pending question. Indeed, I have written neither to him nor to our missionaries, on the subject hitherto, & shall not till I know the decision of your Committee. Should you give your consent to his joining our mission, however, we shall rejoice that you are to have so good a laborer in the place of one of our best missionaries.

I shall feel much obliged to you, dear Sir, if you will give me early information of the decision of your Board.

Very respectfully & truly yours,
S. B. Treat Cor. Sec.

Miss. House, May 11. 1855.

Mr. A. G. Lansing,

Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of April 4 came to the Miss. House when I was in New Jersey; & through some accident it did not get into my hands till last evening. This I regret, as I might have put a few sentences from it into the Herald, & I should have acknowledged it in due form at an earlier day.

I am glad to have so full an account of your movements; & I hope you will continue to write frequently. I wish to keep along with you in your labors, & know your joys & sorrows. And it is well for missionaries to keep up their intercourse with the Miss. House, for their sakes as well as ours.

I hope to see Mr. Copeland soon, & learn all about Choctaw matters, especially in your part of the nation. Mr Stark I shall probably see soon. I trust both these brethren will return to you with improved health. If they do, & others join you, as we hope, you will be a large band [illegible]. But let us remember that it is "not by might nor by power."

By this time you will have become somewhat accustomed to missionary life. Trust you feel an increasing interest in it, because it is Christ's work, not ours. We need to connect this enterprise more directly & constantly with the Master, & regard ourselves as directly doing his bidding, under his eye. This thought is the grand regulator, which makes all labor easy.

The language, the language, do not forget that. After caring for health & for the heart, this should be the great thing. Talk, talk, talk, with Choctaws, with your wife, any body that can talk back. What power it gives a man to be able to speak the native tongue! What a preacher to the Choctaws good father Kingsbury would have been, with a knowledge of their own speech. It often happens, on mission ground, that a brother with inferior education outstrips his superior, because he masters the idioms of the people. May it be so with you, not that you may excel another, but may honor Christ.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. L. whom with yourself we retain in our "pleasant memories."

Yours most fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 18. 1853

Mr A. G. Huggins
Traverse des Sioux

Dear Sir

Mr Riggs has sent me a statement in regard to the cattle belonging to the Board at Traverse, at the conclusion of which he says, "which ($500.95) Mr Huggins will pay to any one authorized to receive it." This is the balance, as I understand the matter, which is due the A.B.C.F.M. I write to say that you can pay this sum to Mr Riggs or Dr Williamson, either of whom will acquit you of the indebtedness.

Very resp. yours
S. B. Treat

Mis[s] [illegible]
June 29. 1853.

Rev. E. [illegible]
Springfield [illegible]

Dear Brother.

I was sorry to be from home when you came to Boston last week. As I had not heard from you, I did not know when to expect you, & I was very anxious to see Mr. Smith, & of the [illegible] meeting. Saturday evening I received a telegraphic dispatch from Mr. H. A., & could not attend a meeting in Springfield. Can you not still visit Boston? Shall you return to Boylston? If so, please to come to my house, No 3 Boylston Place. You are [illegible]

Mission House Boston
June 29, 1853

Rev. E. Butler M.D.
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother

Have received yours of June 1 & learn thereby that your letter in reply to mine of Dec. 22 has not reached me. I have looked for an answer for some time; but have concluded that you thought it best to defer the further discussion of the questions which we have had in hand.

Affectionate regards to Mrs B.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible] Rev Dr [illegible] [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
July 2. 1853

Secretary's Department [illegible] Miss. House Boston
July 2. 1853

Rev E. L. Barry
Newark N.J.

Dear Brother

Yours of June 30. I have just received. Instead of answering certain queries therein contained, I have sent it to Dr. Stack, & asked him to write to you; & I presume he will arrange for an interview. This will give you just such aid & advice as you will most need.

Let me say a word about health. Let this be now the chief thing. Let study & labor [illegible] for the church be subordinate. We want you to go forth in [illegible] strong in body & spirit. Think of this. Kind regards to Mrs [illegible]

Very truly yours Anderson

[illegible] Mis. Home Board.
Not seen [illegible] Tripler. [illegible] appointed in Chestnut matter.

Rev. A. S. Stark
Schenectady N. Y.

Dear Brother,

After leaving you Monday morning etc., I had a pleasant ride & reached home in safety. Found all well. Mr. Copeland had not received my last letter. Hence his failure to meet me at Saratoga. He happened to be at his friends in Vt.

In his opinions, statements, &c he generally agrees with you. After I had consulted with him, I had made up my mind to recommend the appointment of H. R. C. at Whitehall. But just then I received a letter from Mr Tripler, in which he says that he & Mr Bryant had been at Whitehall, had seen Mrs. W. & also Mrs. C. & all concluded that it was best to give to Mrs. W. that she might take charge of the school, if she could get any persons, a man who wishes to work with her. Mr & Mrs C. [illegible] would like Mr & Mrs C. are to leave. I have not written the advice of the Com. yet; but I do not like the new plan. This one may defeat the advice of Mr R., & we lose the place wholly.

I send herewith a letter from Mr Thing, & wish you to write to him in regard among friends

not come [illegible] light from one who is experienced in Charleston matters.

What do you think about his managing [illegible]? Is it wise? Please to give him your opinion. Will he need so many articles for his [illegible] of the members of his [illegible]. [illegible] for them, it is not of much consequence. [illegible] — [illegible] not in [illegible], — as it is well to remember. You will know just what to say about the [illegible].

It will be well for you to arrange for an interview with this young brother. He will be very glad to see you; & you may do him good.

I think Mr. S. will leave for [illegible] July 16. & he may see you. Remember my advice about staying your full time. Festina lente. A capital maxim for [illegible].

Let me hear from you accordingly. Please to return Mr [illegible]'s letter.

Kind regards to [illegible]

Fraternally yours

S. B. [illegible]

P.S. Your letter to Mr Copeland, [illegible] not forwarded; because I do not know where to send it. As soon as I learn, I will send it.

Miss. House Boston
July 7. 1853

Rev C C Copeland
West Haven Vt

Dear Brother

Have just received yours July 4, & thank you for it. I send a letter from Mr Stark, which I have detained a few days, because I did not know where to direct it.

The Com^ee have acted on the Choctaw matters, about which we conversed; & they have decided in general according to the views which we entertained.

In haste
Truly yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother

Last Tuesday I brought before the Prud. Com.ee the application for teacher at Port Royal; they readily assented to your plan. You are at liberty, therefore, to procure & take out one for the place. For the taking out of "help", you will the further decision of the Com.ee

The plan which Messrs. Kingsbury & Bryington have adopted for Wilmington, or at least favored, interferes with our plan in regard to Miss Ams or Miss McCormick. But I suppose Mr. Chamberlain will need some one at Stockbridge. Cannot one of those ladies go there? Miss Fay (there can be no doubt) is about declining engaging in the sphere of labor, having made other arrangements.

If Miss Ams or Miss McC. will not go to S. we may be in a "fix." Have not been requested by Mr Chamberlain to look up a person; but will require some one also to arrange letters.

How are you getting on in the matter of health? My word of caution I would reiterate. Dr Copeland agrees with me entirely.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Field of Springfield, Mass. at the Convention at Columbus probably. If you shall be at C. again as I expect, look him up, & introduce yourself to him at my request. You will be glad to make his acquaintance. He is a Corporate Member of the Board.

Two ministers from these parts, Rev Mr. Langworthy & Rev. Mr. [illegible], will go to S. next week. They will probably be at the Columbian. Look them up also.

I shall be happy to hear from you [illegible]. I hope to see you at S. a few weeks hence.

Resp. truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

Rev. T. S. Williamson &c.
Lac qui Parle, Minnesota.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of May 6 came to hand one week ago. On Tuesday last I took the opinion of the Com.ee on two points.

1. "Shall Mr. Williamson have leave to erect a school house this year, if the U. S. Govt. make no provision therefor?" The Com.ee answer in the affirmative. If Mr Riggs & yourself shall think it quite desirable not to wait any longer. We wish the Govt. to do as much of this sort of work as possible; but we must not sacrifice important interests to secure its aid & cooperation.

2. "Shall Mr. Williamson have leave to attend the meeting of the Board at Cincinnati?" The answer was readily & cheerfully given in the affirmative. It will give me much pleasure to see you on that occasion, if you can make your presence thither consistent with your plans & arrangements. I know not whether Dr Hancock is to be there or not.

I trust that you [illegible] [illegible]
in such [illegible] [illegible]! But [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] trials must always have. They are
a part of our discipline; and it is not good
for us to be without them. But our
Saviour is a merciful High Priest; His
eye is upon us in the furnace as well
as in other places; and He will not suffer us
to be tempted above what we are able to
bear.

[I] have often thought that missionaries have
especial need of Christian assurance. They
having shut off many of their religious [illegible] as a
source of comfort; and I have no doubt
that your Master takes great delight in
compensating those who make sacrifices for
him by making them feel as a [illegible]
willing [illegible] [illegible] found it so, in very deed?
[illegible] Please remember me kindly to Mrs. [illegible],
& children [illegible] [illegible] any of
[illegible]. I remain as ever

Your brother in the
great good
work

[illegible signature]

Shall I see you at any [illegible] in a
visit to the East? Shall you be at Saratoga
after your [illegible] visit there?
Shall you go to [illegible]? My wife will go to
Saratoga July 18, to remain a few weeks; and I
may make her a visit at some time. Can
we be there together?

Rev. J. W. Hancock
Montpelier. Vt.

Dear Brother,

I have received yours of June 14. your report dated June 16. also the minutes of your mission meeting. Accept my thanks for them. Two or three items need a brief notice.

1. The omission of the [illegible] at Red Wing arose from the fact that I did not know just how the case stood. The Comm. have [illegible] a correction of the error.

2. The Comm. sanction your visit to Vermont as recommended by the mission. Previous permission would have been in order; but we waive that in the circumstances.

3. The Comm. authorize you to incur any expense that may be needed for proper explorations.

Shall I see you at any point during your visit to the East? Shall you be at Saratoga after your first visit there? If so, when? Shall you go to Mass? My wife will go to Saratoga July 18. to remain a few weeks; and I may make her a visit at some time. Can we be there together?

With you I regret the [illegible] of the boarding school at Lac-qui-parle, if, as I am [illegible], to have Mr Adams leave. I have known that slavery should form no reason for his doing so; neither Dr. Williamson's polygamy. Since I wrote to the mission I have seen two Choctaw missionaries; & I find that the slavery question is working very well. I feel that we are getting out of the woods.

I do not know certainly that Mrs W. is with you. If she is, remember her of my kind regard.

As ever,

very truly

yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible] January 9. [illegible]

To the Com. of
Indian Affairs.

Sir.

The U. S. Govt. have been accustomed to pay a small sum towards the support of a School at La Pointe, commenced by the Am. Board of Comrs. for Foreign Missions for the benefit of Ojibwa children. You are aware, I presume, that the Rev. S. Hall, formerly at La Pointe, at the request of Maj. Watrous, late the U. S. Agent for the Ojibwas, has undertaken to establish a boarding school at Crow Wing. This arrangement will necessitate the removal of all the families heretofore sustained by us at La Pointe; & the School, therefore, must be closed.

But it fortunately happens that we have recently commenced a School at Bad River, a few miles from La Pointe, among the same band of Indians; & we hope & expect that it will do quite as much for Ojibwa children as the one at La Pointe. It is under the

director of the A. B. C. F. Missions, Home Board ... man, & a very difficulty of the missionary:

I permit me to inquire whether it would be in accordance with the views of the Indian Department to transfer its patronage from La Pointe to Bad River, the object of both schools being precisely the same.

Very respectfully

Yours

S. B. Treat

Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House, Boston
July 9: 1858

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

On the 29th of July, 1852 I addressed you on the subject of the outrage perpetrated at [illegible], calling your attention to the importance of taking some measures to prevent the recurrence of such unlawful & high handed doings. I also sent a letter to you, which I had addressed to the Council of the direction of the Prud. Com.ee authorizing you, however, to retain it in your own hands, if it should seem unwise to lay it before that body.

Since the date of my letter, I have received no communication from the mission or any Com.ee of the mission, on the subject. I have learned in other ways that my letter was not presented to the Council; but that a paper was drawn up, & signed by some prominent persons, though others refused to sign it.

Now I wish to say that the *form* of procedure in the case is [illegible] account; the [illegible]

solicitous to secure. [illegible] have [illegible] obtained substantial [illegible]. That is the question, and it is one of some importance both to [illegible] and [illegible].

I find that some of your members are not satisfied with the result thus far. And I do not see how we can blame them. So far as I understand the case, [illegible] that something more is called for. Is it not so? Or am I [illegible]?

I do not wish to dictate to the mission in this unpleasant business. But I feel bound to call your attention to the subject, [illegible] more should not be done. Perhaps it may be best still to lay my letter before the Council, with one from yourselves explaining the delay. Perhaps some member of the Council will do what is necessary. At any rate, I beg you to consider the matter again and see what is needed.

Yours in [illegible]
a common work
& service

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
July 15. 1853

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

I have received a letter from Mr. Lathrop in regard to the Armstrong School, from which I learn, with no little surprise, that the U. S. Govt. furnish nothing for its support; or are not likely to do so. I had supposed that it was settled that the $833 would be received for two years longer at least. Several questions arise, which I wish the mission duly to consider.

1. Can any thing be done to obtain the money which we have expected from the U. S. Govt.? Can you do any thing? Can we do any thing? Where does the shoe pinch?

2. Supposing we are to receive nothing from the U. S. Govt. shall we go on, the Board sustaining the school, beyond the $300 received from the Choctaw Govt.? On this point, my impressions are [illegible] that we had better not do it for any considerable period; but pp it may be best to continue the school for another year. The Prud. Com. have the same views.

3. It has occurred to me that it might become a pay boarding school, the boys paying enough to make good the deficiency; [illegible] I am not

should fear that this would be mistaken. I should fear that you would lose more by removing than money. It is a fair question, however, for the mission.

4. If the school is to be given up, now or a year hence, shall the station be kept up there? I presume it will not be thought best, but the mission may think differently.

These are the points which seem to me for your consideration. Perhaps the mission may think it best to abandon the school at once rather relinquish the station. If so, we shall be perfectly satisfied. If [illegible] on the ground, I should feel a strong bias for the course.

But you see the bearings of the case more fully than I can. Hence I leave it in your hands with perfect confidence.

Affectionately

Yours

S. B. Treat

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

It may be well for you to send the mission letter to [illegible] Kingsbury [illegible]

If I had known that you were receiving nothing from the N. S. Soc. I should have called the attention of the mission to the case at an earlier day.

July 20th 1852

Mr. Edwin Lathrop,
Norwalk. C.N.

Dear Sir

Your favor of May 3rd I received some days ago; & should have answered it at once; but I wished to see Messrs Copeland & Plumb, & take a little time for reflection. Have conversed with both in regard to your school; & as the result of our deliberations, have written a letter to the mission, which I send herewith. From this you will see how the thing lies in our minds.

You will say perhaps. "This leaves our whole affairs in a state of uncertainty. We ought to know what we are to do." I feel the difficulty. Hence I would suggest, if you want a decision at once, that you get a meeting of the mission say — Messrs Kingsbury, Byington, Hotchkin & Mr. Copeland, & let them consider the whole question if you can do it very well. If not, I see no better way. A meeting of the brethren can be held at Norwalk, without any great trouble.

It may be well for you to send the mission letter to Mr. Kingsbury; that he may suggest the [illegible] [illegible] to the brethren.

If I had known that you were receiving money from the U. S. Govt. I should have called the attention of the mission to the subject at an earlier day.

If the school is given up, I presume Mr. Hayes will return to his home at the north. As for you & Mrs. S. I hope some good place will be found for you in the mission. We need such fellow laborers very much, & [illegible] it is hard to find them. I shall hear with regret & sorrow that you are to leave the Choctaws.

Please to assure Mrs. S. of my [illegible] friend & undiminished interest in her & her labors. Kind remembrances to [illegible] H.

Very affectionately

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
July 11. 1853.

Mr. John W. Stanley
Fearing. W. M. Co. Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of June 11 was duly received; but as I had fresh matter to the Rev Mr Bartlett, & I supposed he would see you I concluded to await his answer, before writing to you. I have now received his letter after considerable delay; & will write a few words, presuming that you are anxious to hear from me.

1. I am not expecting to send out any steward to the Choctaws this fall; though it is possible we may need one. And should you go thither, not expecting to be a steward it is possible you might fall into some such position, by reason of an unexpected vacancy. Our stewards receive $150 for themselves, & $100 for their wives, with board; they paying their personal expenses, such as clothing, &c.

2. When we send out laymen to be teachers & catechists, we pay no wages. We place them on the same footing as regular missionaries. We pay their expenses & their food (which we do the stewards) we allow a reasonable sum as an outfit, & make their lives ... economical

supported by some of our [illegible]
See Vol 1809 [illegible]
with them [illegible] they have been left alone so
[illegible] left alone so far as they find
it necessary to call upon us. Recently,
however, most or all of our missionaries are sup-
ported without any aid. This is a fact [illegible]
any missionary [illegible]. Should you go, [illegible] as a
steward, this would be your [illegible].

We can find a place for a devoted layman,
who can [illegible] meetings &c. I [illegible] no doubt
that such an one [illegible] be [illegible] among the
Choctaws. He would probably be obliged to commence
a new station, put up buildings, [illegible] a school
[illegible] would be some discomfort about it at
first. But [illegible] at any
new station, [illegible]
a [illegible]?

Your wife will need pretty good health to
be able to [illegible]
The heat of summer is greater among the Choctaws
than [illegible] elsewhere. How will she bear the
fatigues of such an enterprise in such a climate?

You would need to take with you most of
those articles which you would want for housekeep-
ing on a small scale. You should be comfortable
in [illegible]. A few articles could be procured on
the ground. Perhaps this is enough for the
present. Let me hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours, S. B. Treat.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Mis. House Boston
July 11. 1853

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws:—

Dear Brother

I am in receipt of your favors of May 23, June 9 & June 20. For all of these I thank you. The last we shall use in some form. Perhaps I put it into the Herald. If I do not, Mr Hale will use it for the Journal.

There are several things respecting which I wish to say a few words.

1. The Com^ee have appointed Mr. Morrison an assistant missionary, according to the vote of the mission. Please to inform him of the fact.

2. The Assembly's Board object to Mr. Edwards' leaving them. In such circumstances we cannot interfere. Mr Edwards must take the responsibility. If he decides to cast in his lot among us we shall welcome him most cordially. But our Com^ee would not think it best for him to retain his connection with the Assembly's Board, if he removes to Wheelock with a view to a permanent home there. Mr Lowrie, I presume, would take the same view of the case. Indeed it is so obvious that he could hardly do otherwise.

3. I have recently learned that the U. S.

[illegible] is [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible]. Being written a letter to the mission on this subject, I send it to Mr. Talcott. He will send it to you. The mission will need to use its best judgment in the case. Still we may rely on you to do all in your power to shape things right.

4. I confess I am a little surprised at your conclusion in regard to Stewardship of Mr. C. Shaw, an excellent opinion. His health is not very good. If it were, I should feel strongly inclined to favor a different conclu-

In fact, after conferring with Messrs J. C. Copeland & Starks, & turning the matter over in my mind not a little, I had concluded to recommend the appointment of Mr H. R. C. as "Stewart" Steward. I expected to lay the subject before the Comm. in the afternoon of the morning which brought me your letter of June 9. But that changed the current of my thoughts; & I have done nothing.

I have great confidence in your wisdom & you know the facts better than I do. Still I cannot but say to myself, "I am sure I can not see why they have decided so." The question comes up, "Is it continued to some [illegible]. Why is it?"

I have a very high regard for the talents and [illegible] offering of Mr. Dr. But I have supposed that [illegible] was greatly broken, & that is

[illegible]

find it in [illegible]

Mr. Carter for her to keep [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] Does not seem to me that it will be

easy for her to manage the [illegible], supposing

she were in good health. If Mr. & Mrs. C. leave

it will not be easy to find a teacher [illegible]

she will remove to Wheelock, & expect that

Mrs. W. teach.

If Mr. & Mrs. C. are to leave, I doubt [illegible]. If

they go, I fear that there will be trouble

at Wheelock, that [illegible] will come

to a dead-lock, through Mrs. W.'s ill health, or

some other cause.

What shall be done? I [illegible]

I am writing that Mrs. W. should manage the

school, if it is best. But what if Mr. & Mrs. C

should leave, & then it should be found that

Mrs. W. cannot go on with it? That were a

state of things, as it seems to me, much to be

dreaded.

Can Mr. & Mrs. C. go to Pine Ridge? Mrs.

K. is quite feeble, I am sorry to hear; she

has fairly earned a release from her [illegible]

labors. Suppose she should give up the direction

of her department to Mrs. C. & retire from

it wholly, & spend the rest of her days in

quiet. Would not this be a good arrangement?

I think it would. And I have seen enough of

women to believe that in all such cases,

the retiring head, had better dissolve her

connection with her former work [illegible]

find it in the [illegible] of the world [illegible] C. can make an arrangement, I [illegible], that will be good [illegible].

But suppose this plan does not succeed. What [illegible] C.? Such people are hard to find [illegible]. I would sooner look for almost any thing than a good [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] for getting them [illegible] of practicable.

At any rate, I think [illegible] C. had better stay where they are till it is settled that Mrs [illegible] will make her plan work. I hope this will [illegible] by all means. We will cheerfully submit to them.

Another inquiry. If [illegible] S. leave Norfolk, where will they go? I shall be sorry to lose them, very sorry. Possibly you would like to have Mr. S. take the Ri place at Pine Ridge.

I leave this matter somewhat freely with you; but I know that you will receive it kindly, if you will have also [illegible] to make of my suggestions.

Please to assure Mrs R. of my sympathy in her ill health, and of my affectionate regard. Christian greetings to [illegible] Bennett, and all at your station.

Your [illegible] brother
in the gospel
W B [illegible]

Miss. Rooms Bost.
July 12. 1853.

Rev P. P. Osunkhirhine,
St Francis, Canada E.

Dear Brother

The Com. have adopted the recommendation of Mr. Hill & myself to allow you to receive $150 on the salary of next year. I send herewith Mr. Hill's draft on our agent in New York. When your name is put on the back of it, merchants in Montreal will be glad to give you the money for it. "P. P. Osunkhirhine", on the back, is enough.

I hope you will send me your annual report, that I may have it for my report. Send it soon.

Yours truly. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

July 12. 1853

Mr. A. G. Huggins,

Trav. des Sioux, Min. T.

Dear Sir

I send herewith quit claims to the premises purchased by Mr Riggs, yourself, & Mr Rice. If Mr Rice has not paid the price he was to give, (of which I am not aware,) you will please to retain his till the payment is made. Mr Riggs you retain or forward to him, according to his pleasure.

Kind regards to Mrs H. & all with you.

Very respectfully yours

S. B. Treat

Mr. H. B. Copeland
Cleveland

Dear Brother

I have recently seen Supt. S. B. Coffin & Mr. Stark, & discussed Whitcomb matters fully; & I had made up my mind to recommend the appointment of yourself as Steward at W. without waiting for further light. Tuesday morning (this week ago,) I was expecting to lay the matter before the Com. in the afternoon, when lo! a letter came from Mrs Kingsbury, stating the result of the conference at W. between Mr Kingsley & himself on the one part, & you & Mrs. C. & also Mrs King on the other part. I did not expect such a result; for it did not seem best to me that she, in her feeble health, should assume such an undertaking. But I do not know all the facts; hence I have done nothing.

I have written to Mrs Kingsbury on this subject. Now it may be that Mrs K. will think it best to give up the plan soon. She may not find such coadjutors as she would like; or some other reason may influence her. In that case I should be sorry to have lost you and Mrs C. I hope you will hold on, therefore, till you see how the matter shapes itself. If you have had sufficient [illegible] is not [illegible] [illegible]. I should

readily perhaps, I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. But after the conversation you [illegible]
[illegible], when Mrs. H. & B. were with you, it having
[illegible] the affidavit of my opinion.

I would write more, but I am in
great haste. Best regards to Mrs. C. & Mrs.
Bigelow.

Yours, fraternally
[illegible] B. [illegible]

[illegible] with
the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], have been [illegible] [illegible]. You will
have noticed, perhaps, [illegible] [illegible]
which I presume you received [illegible] of
[illegible] the same date [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at the same time.

You will have seen what was spoken
told in regard to the Major in the Journal
Herald. The [illegible] Herald [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Kingsbury's sermon, preached
at [illegible], all that he said [illegible] [illegible]
spoke of the Major. I presume you will
have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] biographical
sketch of your husband. He is looking to
receive one [illegible] the most elaborate notices
of [illegible] are now published in the Journal
of [illegible], the circulation of which is above
[illegible] that of the Herald. A just account
of our [illegible] friend cannot fail to do
much good.

Miss. House, Boston
July 14. 1853.

Mrs. H. B. Wright
Choctaw Nation

Dear Madam

Your letter of May 4. with the memoranda of tr. stations & preaching places, have been duly received. You will have noticed perhaps, that my letter to you which I presume you received in June, bears the same date of May 4. We were writing, therefore, to each other at the same time.

You will have seen what was published in regard to Mr. Wright in the June Herald. The Sept. Herald contains an extract from Mr. Kingsbury's sermon preached at Stockbridge, all but the part which speaks of Mr. Wright. I presume you will have furnished Mr. Hale a biographical sketch of your husband. He is looking to receive one. The most elaborate notices of missionaries are now published in the Journal of Missions, the circulation of which is three times double that of the Herald. A just account of an esteemed friend cannot fail to do much good.

The Gen. Assembly's Committee [illegible]
are averse to Mr. Edwards leaving [illegible].
In these circumstances, we can do nothing.
We shall give Mr. Edwards a most cordial welcome, if he shall see his way clear to join your mission. At present, however, I cannot with propriety use any influence to induce him to change his position. The courtesy due to another missionary organization makes this course necessary.

Should Mr. Edwards (finally decline which I think he will not do,) I hardly know how we shall fill (supply) Lebutwek, as the post needs to be filled. Mr. Boring is an excellent pastor; but I doubt if he will be prepared for translating in a long time. And he will be a long time in gaining the influence which Mr. Wright had secured. Besides, he will be needed elsewhere. Mr. Pierson might perform some of the duties of the place; but not all. And it is not certain how his health will hold out.

The name of a minister of some standing & experience has been mentioned to me; it is possible that he may be willing to go to such a station as Lebutwek. I hope to hear from him soon. Of course, if Mr. Edwards is willing to go there, the place is his. [illegible]

sions. I have seen Miss Virginia Byington's [illegible] very good specimens [illegible],
& if he shall be established in the charge of our husband, I shall feel that it is the evident will of the Lord.

The Com.tee supposed that it would be gratifying to you to carry forward Mr. Wright's personal labors, as far as it would be in your power. You can render valuable aid in translation, & in other ways. I must confess, however, that I was surprised to learn through Mr Kingsbury that you contemplated taking the direction of the boarding school. With your infirm health & suffering, as you must, from your great bereavement, I had imagined that you would shun such responsibilities, especially as you know so well what they are.

Still the Com.tee have not felt that they ought to reverse the conclusion, to which Misses H. & Byington came at Wheelock. They doubt[less] knew all the facts, as well as do these brethren. Still they fear that your zeal has prompted you to undertake more than duty required; & they are somewhat solicitous as to the results. They sincerely hope that you will not assume a burden which may prove too much for you.

My best regards to Miss Ker.

Most sincerely & affectionately

Yours

S. B. Treat

Mr. S. can any ~~one~~ send the report for Wheelock. We ourselves should not.

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
July 15th 1853.

Miss. M. P. Arms,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Mrs. A.

Your last letter I received & read with pleasure, except that part of it which spoke of your companion's health. I sincerely hope that this reply will find you better; but if it is otherwise, be not cast down. It is of the Lord; & he doeth all things well. This disappointment is sent upon you for some wise purpose. Endeavor to ascertain what it is, that so you may fall in with God's ever merciful designs.

It must have been very pleasant for you to have Miss McCormic take your school for a season. Please to assure her of my continued interest in all that pertains to her welfare. And I pray that the grace of God may be multiplied unto her more & more!

I have had long interviews with Messrs. Copeland & Stark in regard to Choctaw matters. Very pleasant was it to see their faces, & to talk over the interests of the mission. You will have heard of my visit to Lenox to see Mr. S. We had time enough; & went over the ground pretty [illegible].

I trust you will [illegible] that [illegible]
she may hear [illegible] [illegible] her hus-
band. I think he is doing well; but he may
require, [illegible] a little time, to effect a thorough
cure. [illegible] often go back & then work
too soon, & suffer for it afterwards. I shall try
to keep Mr. S. till he is cured; & Mrs. S. will
be grateful to me, I have no doubt, all her
days, though [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
accordingly for the time being.

Please to assure [illegible] of my warmest sym-
pathy & of my affectionate regards. Mr. [illegible] I
do not forget. Now that he is licensed to
preach the gospel, I hope he will approve
himself a man of God thoroughly furnished
to his work. It is a great matter to be per-
mitted to preach the gospel of Christ. My
paternal feelings to him; for I count him doubly
a brother in the gospel.

I remain, as ever,
Your sincere friend
[illegible]
S. [illegible]

P. S. The price of the watch you can pay to
Mr Kingsbury; [illegible] will [illegible]
for the same. [illegible] to teach, on account of
her throat. But she might take the place
of Mrs. S. where there would be less talking.

Miss. Home Bapt.

July 15th 1883.

Mr. J. W. Chamberlain,

Chelsea Mich.

Dear Brother

Your brief notes of May 12, May 24, May 26 & June 10 have duly received. I am sorry that Mrs. Lathrop & Mr Beals have decided to leave; though if Mrs L. is too feeble to fill the place assigned her, of course we could not wish her to remain. I am also sorry that Miss Abbie H. Day cannot go to your aid, but her going in a different direction seems to be of the Lord.

This thought has occurred to me. Miss McCormic is not wanted at Mt Pleasant. She is now at Goodland, I understand. Would not she do well in Mrs Lathrop's place? She is a girl of a sweet spirit, decided piety, though young. I should think she would do well in such a post. She is constantly growing older.

Perhaps she may be wanted at Goodland. In that case Miss Arms will not be wanted. Rather, it will be a trial that Miss Arms ought not to teach, on account of her throat. But she might take the place of Mrs. L. where there would be less talking.

If you can obtain either [illegible] ladies, I think you will do well. At any rate we [illegible] an emergency. [illegible] for you. [illegible] you will see what we can do [illegible] Kind regards [illegible] with you.

If you can obtain either of these brethren, I think you will do well. At any rate in an emergency they may assist you.

If these fail you, you will see what we can do in these days.

Kind regards to Mrs. C. as well as yourself.

Your brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat

P. S. I have had not a little conversation on the subject of slavery with Messrs C. C. Copeland & Stark. We are certainly making progress. We are much farther along in the right way, than I expected in 1848. You must not regard Mr Byington as expressing the views of the whole mission, or the majority, if he seems to you to be proslavery. Be patient. The world was not made in a day. Nothing has been lost by quietness & forbearance thus far. I never have been so hopeful as within the last 3 weeks.

S. B. T.

Miss. House [illegible]
July 16, 1858

Rev. D. P. Smith
Schodack Landing

Dear Brother

Yours of the 12th I have just received. I am glad that you have seen Mr Boring & other [illegible]. You have done them good, I have no doubt.

As I may see you soon, I will say nothing of the location of Mr Boring. It may be well for him to go to the Agency. I would like to have the action of the mission, however.

Perhaps I can spend the 1st Sab in August at Schodack, if I can do any good thereby. Is it particularly desirable? If you think so, let me know; also how I can get there in the best way.

I have written to Mr. Chamberlain, suggesting that we may possibly have Miss Jones or Miss McCormic, in place of Miss Lathrop. Still, if you find a good person for the post, please to let me know.

You have said nothing of Miss Aiken. Did Dr Mizzy see her, or Dr. North? If so, what was the result?

Mrs T will return to Saratoga till the 20th.

Ever yours very truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
July 16th 1855

Rev. M. N. Adams
Trav. des Sioux

Dear Brother

Your letter of June 30 & P.S. of July 2 have duly reached me. I regret that my letter of June 6 did not find you at Red Wing; & I regret still more that my explanations addressed to the mission & yourself, are not satisfactory. As you still seem to be mistaken as to certain facts, I feel constrained to address you again.

1. You say, "If the Board has virtually abandoned the principles of your letter of June 22, 1848, to the Choctaw mission, why did you announce to the mission & its patrons freely that the statement was not official?" Can you point to any thing that we have ever said or done that goes to show that this letter was not "official"? You refer to a statement made Feb. 20, 1849, & published in the Annual Report for 1849, I presume. But that by no means bears you out. In that paper we explain the object of the letter. We say that it was not meant to convey the (ultimate & unalterable) "decisions" of the Com.; but we do not say that it did not contain their "opinions", in an official form; for it most certainly did contain their opinions, as [illegible] as could well be.

We had entered upon a very important correspondence[illegible]
we stated our own principles; & we wished
to hear them in reply. Would it have been the
best & kindest mode of handling the difficult sub-
ject for us to have said at once, "These are the
principles under which you are required to act,"
without waiting to hear from them? That is not
the way in which we conducted with our mission
& there yet we hope in a more excellent way."

"Why is it that that document lies as a dead letter
upon file"? you ask. I must be [illegible] to say, as having
some knowledge of the subject, that it is not
a dead letter in our policy. And let me say further,
if the testimony of Choctaw missionaries is to be
credited, that letter is in general accepted as
correct in principle, & carried out in practice
by the Choctaw mission. I beg you not to suppose
that a missionary among the Choctaws is of
course acquainted with all that is done by the
Board since the date of that letter, & with the many things
which are not published to the world. Changes [illegible]
in our methods, changes in the Board, which are
not announced in the Missionary Herald. Important
changes have taken place among the Choctaws since
those times, in relation to the subject of slavery
that we do not think it wise to proclaim abroad
yet. And I have no doubt that you will [illegible]
good reasons for the course, or a measure of
[illegible].

Of the other [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] make in [illegible]

other things, [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible]
destroy the [illegible] your [illegible] in [illegible] that an
impression by the [illegible] which I stated was [illegible]
when my mind was not of itself satisfied me by any
means. Something seems to be omitted. [illegible]
of your language, [illegible] after an [illegible]

2. What you say of the adverse influence of Mr. Williamson's notions in regard to polygamy, I have read with surprise. It is perfectly new to me, that he is exerting any such influence. It may account for the fact, that your efforts to save the Dakotas have not been more abundantly blessed. I will write to him at once on the subject.

It strikes me as somewhat strange, if you have been aware of this state of things for any length of time, that you have not mentioned it in your letters before. Such a matter, it would seem, should not have been left to sleep in quietness, till you come to assign reasons for asking a release. I await your explanation on this point.

You will be disappointed, I fear, in not receiving your release now. But I deem it highly desirable, that you should not dissolve your connection with us, in a state of misapprehension as to important facts. Had you assigned the 3d reason alone, the case would have been simple & clear. Had you mentioned that you had different views from ours in regard to slavery questions, as affecting the Choctaw & Cherokee missions, & that this fact had some influence upon your

with its [illegible] a [illegible]. There would have been no [illegible] for correspondence. But you have made very grave charges, upon [illegible] [illegible] facts. [illegible] honest in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. I am sure you would not willingly swerve by a hair's breadth from the right or the true. Still I am anxious that we should agree as to facts, even if we cannot in [illegible] principles.

Will you have the goodness to state your wishes in regard to [illegible]? What you [illegible] from [illegible] you [illegible] the Comee will allow you to [illegible], I have no doubt. The [illegible] that you now [illegible], I presume they will make [illegible]. Do you wish any thing in addition? Please to let me know. I have no doubt that the Comee will satisfy your wishes, as far as they can properly.

Best regards to Mrs. Adams

As ever, your friend & brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Missy House, Boston, Oct. [illegible]

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D. & Brethren

Dear Brethren

One of the reasons which Mr. Adams has given for asking to be released [illegible] is your sentiments on the admission of polygamists to the Church. Permit me to enquire

1. Have you ever admitted a polygamist to the church?

2. Do you communicate your views to the Indians, or others without the mission?

3. Do you intend hereafter to admit polygamists to the church, knowing the views of the Board & the churches generally on this subject [illegible] your advocate in favour of polygamy may account for the fact that [illegible] the [illegible] have not been [illegible] of blame? How is this? Yours in the [illegible]

Mission House, Boston
July 16 1853.

Rev C Kingsbury

Dear Brother

Mr Stark thinks it very important to occupy the Agency as a station; & he wishes to have Mr Byington sent there. We ought to have the opinion of the mission in such a case; & you will not meet for some time. Can you obtain & send me the views of Messrs Byington & Hotchkin, with yours? Of course it makes some difference as to Mr Byington's [illegible], as you will understand.

Mr. Pierson is very hopeful in respect to his return; the physicians encourage him.

Respects [illegible] In haste Yours &c
S B Treat

Rev. Wm. [illegible]
[illegible] C. N.

Dear [illegible] Brother

Your proposal of [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] that you are so much [illegible]
[illegible] in the mission & its [illegible]
a good work. And you [illegible]
the work has been, & must be [illegible]
[illegible]. May the Lord enable you to [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] largely in the [illegible]!

To this end, remember [illegible]
[illegible] in place, bodily health, language.
[illegible] done, [illegible] you will see [illegible]
[illegible]. Rather, [illegible] with your
memory, that they may always abide [illegible]

You will find [illegible]
able to teach you Choctaw. Indeed, he is [illegible]
the best Choctaw scholar among whites, [illegible]
[illegible] so I suppose. Let all your [illegible]
[illegible].

Please to present [illegible]
my Choctaw [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Kind regards to your [illegible]

Rev. John Rogers
Rec'd Aug [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Brother

I was glad to receive your letter of June 15, & to learn that the Lord [illegible] so [illegible] in health. Your recovery has been, indeed, wonderful; & I hope [illegible] has ordered it for some important end. How humble & devoted you should be! [illegible] what feelings, [illegible] those of all [illegible] will you return to the Churches! May it be in the fullness of the blessings of the gospel of Christ!

Your loss in knowledge, I trust, will not be permanent. When you are fairly in the harness again, lost attainments will come back like treasure lost, but found.

I have seen Mr. Steele & other C. C. [illegible]. They talk well on the slavery question. They accept the letter of Jan 22, & are [illegible] to carry it out in practice. They think the [illegible] the [illegible] in general [illegible]. [illegible] There has been a great change [illegible] the [illegible] breaking in [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]; the [illegible] for his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]

Rev. S. R. Riggs [illegible]
Lac qui parle [illegible]

Dear Brother

Your letter of May [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] the 8th [illegible] of [illegible] have been duly received & responded [illegible] [illegible] Stone [illegible] & Mr. Riggs [illegible] Stone [illegible] [illegible] himself [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Mr. Stone [illegible] will be satisfactory to all parties.

I am sorry that matters move so slow in regard to the Indians. The Govt. does not seem to be inclined to execute its plans in their behalf & for their good. There will be [illegible] delay [illegible] [illegible] licence to the [illegible].

We have not dismissed Mr Adams as [illegible] govt. If he had opposed the [illegible] of the boarding school plan [illegible] at the same time [illegible] the difference between [illegible] on the subject of [illegible] of the [illegible] as having some inconsistency, there would have been no diff[illegible] But he [illegible] the matter in an offensive form [illegible] misrepresenting [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] is better than theirs. [illegible]

The mission have recommended [illegible] Com^ee to deal plainly with Mr. [illegible] in regard to the observance of the Sabbath. [illegible] we shall [illegible] though his course is not altogether to our taste. [illegible]

I should like to talk with you on the slavery question. [illegible] some two Choctaws [illegible] They say [illegible] that there has been in former [illegible] declaring [illegible] letter [illegible] they are endeavoring [illegible] practice. There has been a great change [illegible] in the Choctaw country [illegible]

Mr. Adams has brought Mr. Williamson's polygamy into the correspondence. [illegible] so strongly [illegible] that I have felt constrained to write to the latter. It will be strange indeed, if a charge is raised against us because the [illegible] is not [illegible] so that we are assailed for the doings of the Dakota mission as well as the Choctaw & Cherokee.

Best regards to [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

affectionate brother

[illegible]

Mr. J. S. Chamberlain \ Miss. Home Board

Choctaw Mission.

July 18. 1853

Rev O. P. Stark,

Schodack Landing.

Dear Brother

In my letter of Saturday evening I mentioned that I could be at Schodack on the 1st Sab. in Aug. I then supposed that Aug. came in on the Sab. But I find that July has 5 Sab's. I had in mind the monthly concert Sab. which will be on July 31. On that day I will try & be at Schodack, if it is desirable.

Let me hear from you

Very truly

Yr

S B Treat

Yr

S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston,

July 19, 1853.

Mr. J. S. Chamberlain
Choctaw Mission.

Rev. C. C. Copeland
Cattaraugus Res. Co. N.Y.

Dear Brother

Your letter of June 24 has just come to hand; & I hasten to reply, enclosing the two papers which you desire. In regard to the agreement to defray returning expenses, you know what our rule is. But the circumstances of your case are somewhat peculiar, & we make an exception. From your statement in reference to the bill, it seems to be proper that it should go into your account with the school.

You will then received mine of July 6, in which I direct your attention to Misses McCormic & Avery [?], in the hope that one of them may take the place of Miss Lathrop [?].

You will have seen also a letter today [?] on the subject of Slavery. Do not judge the whole matter by Mr. Byington [?].

Christian greetings to Mrs. C. & the children [?].

Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

[illegible], July 17. 1845.

Rev. D. C. Copeland
Sullivan, Madison Co. N.Y.

My Dear Brother

Yours of the 16th has just come to hand. I hardly feel like advising in regard to the visit to Vermont, & I would not call on Dr. Jeffries. He would say, "Let me see the patient, before I give an opinion." Thus he has refused to give any opinion in other cases. I think, however, a visit to Vt. would be safe & very probably beneficial. In respect to Saratoga I am not so sure. Some persons are injured there; but Vt. air seldom injures in the summer. Dr. Jeffries did not prescribe Saratoga for me; but if Mrs. C's case is similar, he would take the same views [illegible] [illegible]

Mission House, Boston

July 19. 1853.—

Rev. W. Walker,

Gaboon Mission.

Dear Brother:

I have received your letter of Feb. 8; for which accept my thanks. It might be more cheering; but it might also be far less so. I rejoice exceedingly that Mr. Wilson has come back to old Town. That's, indeed, good news to us. Who teaches the boarding school now? What name shall I enter in the annual report as connected with it? Your brother, the wife, or who else?

The Com[ittee] will encourage you to come home to visit New England.

Christian love to Mrs. W. & the others and all the rest. Truly yours S.B. Treat

Middletown, [illegible]

July 11th 1853

Revd J. Waters [illegible]
Green Bay

Dear Brother

I have just received a letter from the Com. of Ind. Affairs from which it appears that your contract with [illegible] Gov. Waters has not been confirmed [illegible] in regard to Ramsey appointed [illegible] have referred it to the [illegible] Gov. Gorman [illegible] in particular [illegible] get any thing for you [illegible] to know the state of the case [illegible] not already appointed [illegible] Gov. Ramsey should prefer [illegible] correspondence in regard I shall [illegible]
Gov. Gorman [illegible]
[illegible]

Chaplains. — [illegible]

[illegible]

July 29. 1853

Mrs C. Pulsifer,

Crow Wing.

Dear Madam,

I have just received your letter of June 27; though [illegible] quite recently, I will say a few words now.

I received your note of June 11. & [illegible] the change [illegible] made which you requested.

[illegible] hope that you are comfortably settled in your own house; & [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible]

I shall [illegible]

your [illegible]

& I trust you will [illegible]

[illegible]

Best regards [illegible]

[illegible] S. B. Treat

[illegible] to find a missionary for [illegible] a new man would be difficult; but perhaps we may succeed.

So far as I can judge, Mr. Edmunds seems to possess peculiar qualifications for your

[illegible]

I have just received your [letter] of June 27; though I have written to you quite recently, I will say a few words now.

What you say of Mr. Pearson, surprises me somewhat; for I had hoped that in health he would be a kind & valued laborer. He is expecting to return to the Choctaws; but his physicians promise him good health. Still I do not think him just the man for whom I look; I should not be in favor of his going there, if we could find any one better adapted to the place. Mr. & Mrs. Berry [?] the man. I suppose him to be very amiable, of excellent Christian character, willing to labor where the Lord calls him; but he can not fill Mr. Wright's place.

If Mr. Edwards declines, we must try to find a missionary for Wheelock, a new man. It would be difficult; but perhaps we may succeed.

So far as I can judge, Mr. [illegible] seems to possess peculiar qualifications for your

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] would not have [illegible]. [illegible] lived in Africa! [illegible] declared that [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] short [illegible] [illegible] to leave [illegible]

If you shall [illegible] further [illegible] we probably procure one, if we have [illegible] notice. Should you fail of [illegible] one, I think it would [illegible] the school, [illegible] should be [illegible] [illegible]

My [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], will be hard to find. But we will see.

The say that your school is not [illegible] as when you wrote last. Such [illegible] in regard of [illegible] [illegible] fear that [illegible] much. In my recent letter I expressed [illegible] fear, I believe.

One thing comforts me, when contemplating the trials of life. It is this: "Well, life will soon be out; & then — we [illegible] home!" And we have a glorious Saviour who may [illegible] guide us [illegible] [illegible].

Kind regards to Mrs [illegible].

Very affectionately yours

[illegible]

Rev. E. O. [illegible]

Newark, N. J. Miss. House Boston

July 28. 1853

Rev. O. S. Stark

Schodack Land.

Dear Brother

Deo Volente I will be at Schodack the last Sab. in July, which is our monthly concert Sab. I shall leave Boston Saturday morning in the express train & stop at Kinderhook. I will expect to meet you there Sat. P. M. July 30.

In haste,

Yours as ever

S. B. Treat

Rev. E. A. King
Newark, N. J.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 19th [illegible] has been received. I think you had better engage your clothing at once, as you propose. In doing so however, let me suggest. Our experience has taught us that the missionary [illegible] should have a one year's supply [illegible]. You should have a supply till the spring of 1855. In the fall of 1854 you can send to [illegible] Boston, & order more, which will reach you in the following spring. It will be well to send us your measure before you go.

In regard to other articles, books, furniture, crockery, &c. as you may wish to take, I think they had better be purchased here. We have a man for the purpose. [illegible] pack up & send off to us. If you will come to Boston about Aug. 20, the business can be finished in a little time.

I am to be at Schenectady [illegible] Aug. 30. [illegible]

Very truly yours in the Lord

S. B. Treat

Apl. 25, 1853.

Rev. W. Wyllys

Andover Ms.

Dear Brother

In consequence of some statements [illegible] Smith [illegible] in Boston Saturday morning. [illegible] gone to Bethel — [illegible] Palmer went to Portland the morning without my seeing them; which I regretted.

I have had a frank conversation with Mr Smith, who received it kindly. They would like to begin the station, & teach a school, in a Choctaw neighborhood, boarding in a Choctaw family. I think favorably of it. What do you think?

Truly yours.

[illegible]

Feby 25/45.

To the Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brethren

In consequence of some statements from Mr. Foule, I am induced to call your attention to the subject of hospitality to the Cherokees. I have had some interchange of views with other missionaries, & I would suggest the inquiry, whether you should not endeavor to lessen the burden that now comes upon you in this regard.

It may be proper to do more at an early stage of a mission's history, than in subsequent years. Has not the time come among the Cherokees for a reduction? Economy will be promoted by it. And what

[illegible] is more important, the necessity for
Chase [illegible] [illegible] will be by killing of [illegible]. This
is an important item. Unless it
will do the Indians' good [illegible] of [illegible]
their bills or loose notions about
hospitality checked. There may
be stronger arguments on the
other side of the question, but
my object is to have you con-
sider the matter, & have an
understanding among yourselves
as to what shall be the rule.
I feel sure that good will
come from such a discussion.

Your brother
in the Compan[illegible]
Salvation

S. B. Treat

Geo. [illegible]

[illegible]
date.

[illegible] [illegible] is the first [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]
Church.— [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the difficulty. [illegible] quite unwilling to leave
the Church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] supply [illegible] [illegible] another [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] though not
date.

This morning I found Miss [illegible] at
Mrs. [illegible], [illegible] Mr. Salmon having gone
to Portland without my seeing [illegible]
I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
he has now gone [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
better terms.

I have had a frank & friendly talk
with her, about her returning to [illegible]
when I said to her, seemed to be entirely un-
affected; but she appeared well. I endeavored
to compromise the matter as little as possi-
ble; & I think I succeeded. She considers
Mr. S. & yourself as deserving of her [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible] & states her convictions

[illegible] doubts [illegible], that she was not expected
to release the school. She spoke of going
into your family, & assist Mrs. S. I did not
however know that I had heard [illegible] on
on the point; but I suggested [illegible]
namely. Whether [illegible] a [illegible] in some
neighborhood; boarding in a [illegible] family

[illegible]

school, & take the responsibility [illegible]

On the whole, [illegible] 185[illegible] [illegible] of the difficulty. She is quite unworthy & unable [illegible] the Cherokee Nation for good; & I do not like to oblige her to do so. Once again, I think she can be useful in some neighborhood. Though not qualified to teach at Fairfield, she probably is qualified for other places.

You will prosecute the matter of getting a teacher for Fairfield with all vigor. [illegible] There will be applicants further going out this fall, & also for the [illegible] of other Presbyterian [illegible]

I am glad to perceive a more cheerful tone in your letters. A brighter day is to come, I verily believe. Next fall, I hope, you will be manned & womanned to your mind, & that things will go on prosperously.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Steele.

P. S. You will [illegible]

Very truly

[illegible] [illegible]

Yours [illegible] in

the Lord

S. B. Treat

Mill House, Bethel

July 28. 1853.

Rev J. W. Stinewell

Montpelier Vt

Dear Brother

I expect to be in Saratoga Springs from Aug. 1 to 15. my only vacation this year. Unless you are in Boston before Sat. you had better see me in Saratoga. I shall be at Washington Hall.

Very sincerely

Yrs

L. B. Treat

P. S. You will infer from the above that I have read your last letter

My dear Brethren

The rapid rolling away of the days, weeks & months & years is bringing on the season, when you will meet as a mission, to consider the interests of the people among whom you dwell, to devise ways & means for advancing the kingdom of Christ, & especially to prepare your own hearts, by the communion of the Saints. As looking forward to that event, & in the hope of fanning the flame of Christian love in your hearts, I desire to address you briefly on the importance of sympathy with Christ. I shall only attempt to throw out a few hints, leaving you to give expansion & development to this interesting & most practical theme.

It is a cardinal doctrine in the redemption system, that our Saviour is God-man. He unites in himself, therefore, the attributes of Jehovah with the tenderest feelings of humanity. Whenever we turn to Him, whether in joy or in sorrow, whether in penitence or in filial love, he has both a divine & a human aspect. And it is not for our good, not for our true spiritual government, that we [illegible] [illegible] the one from the other.

[illegible]

thing. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] then would be [illegible]

[illegible] and Lord. He has a perfect [illegible]

nature, the tenderness, the [illegible] of [illegible]

the [illegible] that it is [illegible]

merciful, loving father. [illegible] feeling [illegible]

an [illegible] & dreadful [illegible]

in the [illegible] of [illegible] manifold

unfaithfulness, of [illegible] thoughts, [illegible]

crowd themselves so thickly into the [illegible] of

our lives. At a glance he can [illegible] the

long, dark scenes of our iniquities, with all

their shadings of guilt, & the [illegible]

at in a balance, [illegible]

in degree of [illegible] under the [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] eyes than [illegible]

iniquity.

Let us, my brethren & sisters, [illegible]

feel, in reference to our sins. Before we go any

further, let us pause, & gather up the [illegible]

that comes thronging into our minds. [illegible] be

sure that we look at our [illegible] in [illegible]

measure, as he looks at them. [illegible]

God. That [illegible]

By the Savior, has a [illegible]

great, that we should be holy. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] see. But the Holy [illegible]
though he understands the groups of your frailties, [illegible]
of the things clear, & the unholy [illegible]
unseen of the our occasions. The holy are in harmony
with the Spirit; the unholy are in harmony
with nothing, not even themselves.

Imagine, now, the strength of the Saviour's wish
that you should join in the taking of [illegible]
Strife! You can almost hear him pleading
with you. ~~Look~~! You can almost see him
beckoning to you — to be — pure, as he is pure.
And will you not fall in with his gracious &
condescending desires, & so be one with him?

II Endeavour to enter into the sympathies of
Christ in respect to your fellow-labourers. He
understands their feelings, their [illegible], just as
does yours. But if he bears with them, so
he bears with you. To you their faults are
obvious, & glaring, it may be. You wonder, perhaps,
that your brethren should be unaware
of the spots on their character. But remember
that Christ sees you all from the
distance, in the same clear light, with the
same omniscient eye, & very likely the difference
between you & much of them you [illegible]
now. But however this may be, you are

[illegible]

[illegible] plays [illegible] offered to [illegible] by [illegible] of [illegible] long, leading them forward [illegible] [illegible] Math to thy Father's house. [illegible] thought

(2) Our Saviour regards with the [illegible] compassion the [illegible] around you, for [illegible] he knows the worth of the soul. [illegible] never grasped this problem, [illegible] never [illegible] it. Angels have never [illegible] its [illegible] one. An infinite Being alone can take in the thought — the value of an immortal [illegible] life. (3) Our Saviour knows the horrors of perpetual alienation from God. He can compass the length & the breadth, the height & the depth of that woe, which comes upon one who is banished to outer darkness. His eye has gone through all the avenues of sorrow & anguish, has seen all the [illegible] of the finally lost. Their sighs & groans he has heard. All, all is open to his view, to his apprehension, to his clear & appreciating estimate. (4) Our Saviour comprehends fully the [illegible] intensity of the sufferings of the hopelessly impenitent. His thought can [illegible] at once upon some far off age, darting in a moment across the mighty intervening space, & can measure the woe that has been accumulating & rolling up

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the sympathies of the [illegible]

[illegible] sufferings [illegible] Lord. And crowded itself into [illegible]

so he can't repeat the process, again & again, yea - a thousand times, till the very thought of it becomes an intolerable burden, & we can go no further.

My brethren. This is only a [illegible] theme. But will it not do you good, will it not make you better missionaries - to enter into these sympathies of our [illegible] Saviour? Oh, it is a fearful responsibility to watch for souls - to stand between the living & the dead. "Who is sufficient for these things?" In Christ alone can we find any - the least - sufficiency for the work he has given us to do.

I remain, as ever, dear brethren,

Your fellow servant

in the Lord

S. B. Treat

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] the very purpose. [illegible] that the announcement of your [illegible] altogether unexpected; & should the contract be set aside, we shall be [illegible]

I beg leave, Sir, [illegible] before the Department comes to a decision adverse to the contract, I may receive notice, that I may present any considerations to you which may seem to have weight. Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat, Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Com.r of Indian Affairs.

[illegible] Boston
Aug. 16. 1853

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
La Pointe

Sir

It was with some surprise that I learned from your favor of the 18th inst. that the contract entered into between Maj. Watrous & Rev. S. Hall was regarded by the Indian Department as still incomplete & unconfirmed. We had supposed the contrary.

We have already incurred not a little expense in complying with the terms of that agreement. In fact, we have abandoned La Pointe as a Mission station & three families have removed to Bad River, before, I suppose, for this very purpose. You will see at once, therefore, that the announcement of your letter was altogether unexpected; & should the contract be set aside, we shall be greatly disappointed.

I beg leave, Sir, to request, that before the Department comes to a decision adverse to this contract, I may be given notice, that I may present any considerations to you which may seem to have weight. Very truly yours

S. B. Treat. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. S. Hall
Ojibwas

Mis. House Boston
Aug. 16. 1853

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
July 30 La Pointe

Dear Brethren,

Mr. Hall sent home, while at Saratoga for a few days, yours of June 27th, & I wrote to Mr. Stewart, respecting him to the extent he could in the premises. I also enclosed to him your letter to Mr. Hall, that he might have the full case before him.

I trust he will be able to make a satisfactory arrangement.

In haste,

Yours truly,

S. B. Treat

his will [illegible]
when you are so [illegible]
meets, & more blessed [illegible]
[illegible]
Dr. [illegible]
Tiffany

Dear Brother

Your letters of July 26 & July 30 have been received, & the Ass. laid them before the Prud. Com.
I write in great haste, & hence must confine myself to the material points.

1. Your advance of money to [illegible] for mill irons, &c for machine is sanctioned. We think you were justified in the circumstances in taking the responsibility which you assumed.

2. We assent to the modification proposed by Gov. Cumming. We dislike the interference exceedingly, & it does not augur well for the Indians. But as we are situated, it seems best to go forward, with the changes proposed by him. Perhaps Providence will overrule it for good in the end.

I trust you will keep up your courage in your trying circumstances. We don't know what God may have in store for you & years the dear Indians [illegible] the same & have called you to this field. He will not forsake you.

[illegible]

[illegible] whole case. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] surely come.

There is much in the lives of [illegible] of the [illegible] and notably the Moravians to admire & to imitate. They have spent themselves for others. Some have been more self-denying & faithful. But they have been most [illegible]. They have ever [illegible] from their [illegible]. The Lord has been with them. So may it be with you.

I send by my yearly [illegible] for your perusal to you. Please hand it to Mr Wheeler & whom read [illegible] all.

Affectionate respects to [illegible] & all [illegible]

Fraternally

Yours

W. B. [illegible]

Mill Home Boston
Aug. 15 1862

Rev. C. P. Smith
Schodack N. Y.

Dear Brother

I have rec^d Mr. Hotchkiss's report; & he appends to it a request for a girl to take Miss Gay's place, who is to leave "a competent one, if such an one is to be found." Will not Miss Rector fill that place well? And if so, will she not go? We shall be most happy to send her forth. Please to see her, & lay the matter before her.

Mr. Ho also writes for a man & his wife to take the place of himself & Mrs. Ho during

the year. He says a school is
needed at that place, that the
[illegible] is almost worn out, that
2 boys should be separated
[illegible]. He says he is so anxious
How much does he mean?
Has he thought of leaving the
mission? When we [illegible] get
for such a place?

I supposed that I
should find your report
on my arrival at the Mis-
sion. Yet no time is
without delay, if you please.
I presume you have heard
of the fire at [illegible],
in which [illegible] & all
are burnt out.

Kind regards to [illegible] & [illegible]
the Cooks, Very yours S B Treat

Mis. House Boston
August 18 1858.

Mr. Wm. G. Billings
Chicopee, Ms.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 9th inst. came to the Mission House in my absence. I am happy to inform you that the bag for Miss Anne has been received & will be duly forwarded.

Very respectfully
Yours
Geo. Thompson

[illegible] you in Boston when you will [illegible] enough to come here. You can take the [illegible] route to Havre. Please send [illegible] from me of your coming before hand.

Affect. yours, [illegible]

[illegible] Boston
Aug. 19. 1853

[illegible]
[illegible]
Aug 18. 1853.

Rev. J. W. [illegible]
Montpelier Vt

Dear Brother

I am sorry to learn from your father's letter that you are detained at M. by illness. I sincerely hope that the Lord will be pleased to raise you up speedily; & may the trial be greatly sanctified to you.

I shall expect to see you in Boston, when you are well enough to come here. You can take this place in your route to Canada. Please to inform me of your coming beforehand.

Affect. yours, S. B. [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 19. 1853

[illegible]

Rev. G. Rockwood, Aug [illegible] 1853
Tuscarora [illegible]

Dear Brother

Your letter [illegible], with a very brief report, has been duly received.

[illegible] this morning [illegible] a letter from [illegible] [illegible] to put [illegible] [illegible] school [illegible]

[illegible]

Perhaps something should be [illegible] to put matters on a different basis. But what shall it be? A difficult question indeed!

Fraternally
Yours,
S. B. Treat

You speak of a [illegible] appointed by the Board, that each person [illegible] fund [illegible] of [illegible] to the charge [illegible] more expense on the Board than I have contemplated. It has never been my plan [illegible] establishment that should [illegible] have an

each in very [illegible] that
Miss T's in [illegible] [illegible] could
[illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] of
Rev. Geo. Rockwood [illegible] nearly all of the
[illegible]

Dear Brother,

Your letter of July 24, with accompanying brief report, has been duly received. I have consulted Mr. Hill in regard to the lightning rods; & you are authorized to put them up. On application you are also authorized to do so for the boarding school as you propose.

Your account of matters at Mt. Hope gives me a little uneasiness. I have suspected those tendencies which you mention in Miss T., & I have been a little anxious about the final result; but she seemed so devoted & useful, that I have been unwilling to interfere with her ways. Perhaps something should be done now to put matters on a different basis. But what shall it be? A difficult question indeed.

You speak of a steward, appointed by the Board. But such persons are hard to find, or of exceedingly; & the change will entail more expense on the Board than I have contemplated. It has never been my plan to have an establishment that should

[illegible] as very [illegible]: [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
could get from the [illegible] of the [illegible] of
Newbold, would [illegible] nearly all of the
expense. But if we change the place, it
will certainly be much more expensive. I
grant that this is not a conclusive argument
against having a Steward; but it has some
weight. The [illegible] of our place so much
trouble from Indian Boarding schools, that we are
quite shy. And I should not intend to
commit myself to one that was fully [illegible]
among the [illegible].

But what can be done? Cannot you
take the oversight, so far as to keep [illegible]
S. & O. in concentric orbits? Is it not practicable for you, being authorized by us, to arrange
the duties, so that all will go on smoothly?
If this can be, I think it best, probably.

Can we, at this distance, make a
division of labor that shall secure
harmony? I do not know the facts
well enough to answer.

Perhaps I can stop at [illegible]
on my way to Cincinnati, or coming
back, if nothing else will suffice.
But that point must be reserved.

Kind regards to the children [illegible]

Fraternally yours
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] 18[illegible]

Rev. A. Wright
M[illegible]

Dear Brother

Your favor of Aug [illegible] & the report also. I have duly received. I fear we shall not be able to stop on our way to Cincinnati; but we will see Tuscarora (for some reasons) by a stronger claim. Perhaps I shall be obliged up by both stations.

I send, herewith my yearly letter. I fear it will be too late, as you meet earlier than usual.

Affect. yours & [illegible]

Your bro. [illegible]

Miss. House,
Aug. 2. 1853.

Mr. [illegible],
Ch. Nav. Sub. Ag.
Washington.

Dear Sir

As you may know the final decision in regard to Mr. Edwards going to Wheeling sooner than I can, I will thank you to inform me thereof at your earliest convenience. Time is very important for us in such a case, as you will at once perceive.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Mill Home, Hinton,
Aug. 20. 1853

Chs. H. Stewart, Esq.
Washington

Dear Sir:

Your favor has just reached me via Saratoga Springs. I thank you for your interest in Mr. Wheeler's case. I hope you may devise some way to carry out his wishes. "He is worthy."

What you say of the Oregon matter I have noted. I hope the "deliverance" will come in due time. Mr. Reid often asks me touching its progress.

Very truly
yours
S. B. Treat

I have wrote to [illegible]
and to you, [illegible]
Mr. Chas. B. [illegible] grah. [illegible]
Vicksburg [illegible] from you.

Dear [illegible]

Your favor of [illegible] has been received; & you may be assured that I have read it with very great interest. I needed no history of your trials & [illegible] beyond what I hear previously, for the perfect justification of your course; but it is pleasant tho' saddening to have your own account of what you have suffered at Wheelock [?]. I pray the Great Head of the Church to sanctify these dispensations to you; & I can assure you, from my own experience, that he is a faithful High Priest. Trust him, & you shall find his [illegible]. I know you have often found this in the deep waters of the past.

I am sorry that the Western [?] govt. have not noticed, as it should, the outrage at Wheelock [?]. I have written [?] to them urging [?] calling their attention to the subject a second time. If our [illegible] cannot be protected in the nation, we ought to know it without delay, & after [illegible]. I hope something from the next mail.

[illegible]

Rev. [illegible] from you. [illegible]

[illegible] will take Mr. [illegible] [illegible] uncertain. Mr. [illegible] has not learned. Should he [illegible] going to Wheelock, we shall try to [illegible] for the place.

[illegible] & Wheeler will be [illegible] with Mr. Bigelow. [illegible] from Wheelock with [illegible]. [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]

We need two ladies to fill the places of Mrs. [illegible] & Miss [illegible]. Others [illegible] needed also. It is not a light matter to keep the mission in working order as you are well aware.

Remember my kind regards to [illegible] of Boston.

Remain as ever,

Most truly &
affectionately,
Yours,
[illegible signature]

It is very clear that [illegible] Adams had better be out of the mission. He will only make trouble in it. My recent correspondence with him has satisfied me fully on the points that I had heard of him previously. And prepared me for the developments in part.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with the Indians. I [illegible]

Rev. T. S. Williamson.
[illegible]

Dear Brother,

I wrote to you on the 9th of July, as you will have learned, every thing I have since received your letters of July 10 & 18. Had these come to hand sooner I should not have sent my note of July 18. My object in writing being to get the facts, that Dr. W. might have the means of defence against Mr. Adams & all others, I have all that I need.

We have never felt that we were called upon to go very much into the theoretical views of our missionaries in regard to slavery, polygamy, &c. If their course as missionaries was unexceptionable, we have been content. Their administration is what we look at, rather than their private opinions.

It is very clear that Mr. Adams had better be out of the mission; for he will only make trouble in it. My recent correspondence with him has satisfied me fully on this point. What I had heard of him from other sources, had prepared me for these developments in part.

[illegible]

[illegible]

with the [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible]

they will [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] and will

be the destruction, [illegible] & [illegible] of

this [illegible]. But let us hold on, &

see what the Lord has in store for us.

The time for discouragement & giving up

has not come yet. Of this I am quite

certain. And it cannot be otherwise than

acceptable to Him, to have his people labor

in hope, cheerfully & trustingly, even when

the clouds are thick about them. There

is a far higher proof of faith & love,

than diligence & zeal in the midst of success.

As this is our hot & busy season, I

must be brief. Perhaps I may see you

at the meeting of the Board.

Christian greetings to Mrs W. &

all your household.

Most truly &

fraternally

Yours

W. B. [illegible]

P.S. I send my annual [illegible] [illegible],

as if you were to meet this fall.

Mt. Home, [illegible]

Aug. 26. 1851

Dr. Geo. S. Ward
Cincinnati, O.

Mr. Hamilton
Capt. [illegible]

Rev. W. Willy
Auburn N.Y.

Dear Brother

Can you give me the following statistics of the [illegible] school? Shall need them but have not received them.

Have you any other facts that will be useful for my report?

Very truly

Yrs

Geo. B. [illegible]

[illegible] of the Annual [illegible] some of large school, but [illegible] perhaps the outlines [illegible] these [illegible] which should cost not more than $25 [illegible]

[illegible] Copeland. [illegible] it is clear that [illegible] can be [illegible] obtained in Cincinnati [illegible] be better to have them obtained [illegible] the [illegible] from Boston or your city. Can they be bought by you? Please let me know.

Very truly

Yours

Geo B. [illegible]

[illegible]
Aug 26. 1858

Dr. C. L. Reed
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Brother

K. C. Morris, of the Normal school, has written for Pelton's series of large maps, (perhaps the outline are better,) the maps there are 7 or 8, which should cost not more than $25. He also wants a copy of Colburn's Arithmetic; a box of Gillott's "Croton pens;" 1 copy books; 4 quires of fine, white, ruled, plain letter paper, about 8 inches long & 6 1/2 wide, or as near may be; 2 bunches of white envelopes; a good system of practical penmanship, no matter by whom. "I should like one with several different styles of hand writing", he says.

Mr Morris wishes to have these articles sent on by Mr. Stack or Mr. Copeland. Now it is clear that if such things can be purchased in Cincinnati, it will be better to have them obtained there, than to incur the cost from Boston by your aid. Can they be bought by you? Please let me know.

Very truly
Yours
G. B. [illegible]

Rev. J. C. Bowen(?)
Charleston —

Miss. Home Rooms(?)
Aug 22 1862(?)

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Charleston. —
Dear Brother

In the hurry of the ... to come
time, I wish to acknowledge your
report, thanking you at the same time
therefor, & also expressing my deep
sympathy with John in his heavy
loss. It must be a sore trial to
him; but it is of the Lord. of it
he may be assured. Though his
ways are strange they are always
wise. Pray that the event may
be sanctified to him, so that his
loss may become great gain.

Truly yours ...
Your brother in Christ, ...

Rev. [illegible] Agency
[illegible] —

Dear Brother

Your favors of June 7 & Aug 3 have been duly received. On the arrival of Miss Smith, Mrs. [illegible] a free & kind [illegible] with her, in reference to her return to Stockbridge. Said as little as possible of concerning the matter with her; & I trust she retains a cordial feeling towards you all. At the result of your consultation, she expressed a wish to open a School in some new neighborhood; and I consented to her making the experiment, she finding the locality & making the necessary arrangements. She expects to live in a Cherokee family. Good may come out of the change; for tho not adapted to labor for Stockbridge, she may be elsewhere.

I thank you for your [illegible] & [illegible] in your report. I like to have [illegible] in all matters touching the interests of the Cherokees. The Agents! Alas, what shall we do with them? [illegible] are the [illegible] here, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]
in the mean time. I think [illegible] you
you dwell in future. [illegible]
prayerful, & watchful [illegible] in all your
ways; & so these misunderstandings may lead to [illegible]
cleansing [illegible].

You speak of some progress in the Cherokee. Suppose you have a talk with [illegible] Worcester about arriving at a [illegible] & preaching knowledge of the language; & if you [illegible] the conclusion that it is best to attempt it, I have no doubt that the Com. will foot the bill. I wish most earnestly that it might be. I am sure that languages as difficult are mastered.

I am [illegible] by the facts you mention in regard to the Buttricks & slavery. [illegible] had dined at [illegible] when he [illegible] through Boston. If the matter should be known, there would be [illegible] such as is seldom heard in these parts.

I have noticed your remarks on the paper which I read at Troy. [illegible] you say, & not [illegible] your [illegible] statement. [illegible] any question [illegible] what one [illegible] facts [illegible] to the [illegible].

[illegible]

Mrs. [illegible]

Aug 22. 1853

Mrs. [illegible]

Cherokee. –

Dear Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible] heartily [illegible] say that yours of June 28 has arrived safely; & the perusal of it has given me much pleasure. I trust your station will become more & more pleasant, from year to year.

Be not discouraged in regard to spiritual results. Labor & pray in hope; & you will reap in due time. Your station is one of great importance & I trust the Lord will bless you in it. [illegible] may it not promote your own spiritual good, to be made a means of grace? Try it then.

[illegible] & affectionately yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] very truly yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Rev. J. B. [illegible]
[illegible]

My Dear Bro.

Your letter of June [illegible] to hand some time since, & [illegible] but just received the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this busy season.

You refer [illegible]'s quotation of my words. If you refer to the document from which the quotation is [illegible], you will see that he has made an imperfect synopsis of my ideas. In fact, I think you will agree that the paragraph, as it stands, is far [illegible] the matter about as near right as it could well be, in the circumstances. After doing my [illegible] of both [illegible], & conferring with him on the subject, it was my aim to make a statement that should cover the whole ground, [illegible] [illegible]. And I must be allowed [illegible] I [illegible] myself in doing [illegible] well. [illegible] a difficulty [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

With regards [illegible]

As ever, Affly yours, [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] —

Dear Brother

Your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] safely come to hand. [illegible] [illegible] glad to attend [illegible] [illegible] Bennett [illegible] & the [illegible] [illegible]

I have seen Mrs Kent, & [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] She is much older than [illegible] but that is no objection. I think [illegible] will join you about [illegible].

How shall they reach your [illegible]? They will probably go to Buffalo [illegible] [illegible] of us. How beyond Buffalo? [illegible] what depot will they get [illegible] they go from there to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I may be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

in Cherokee [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] your letter [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. I have
[illegible]
[illegible] Dear [illegible]
[illegible]
in some [illegible]

Your letter of [illegible] has been read with great interest. I rejoice that you are still permitted to report much that is favourable; for all that is doing among the Choctaws. Let us thankfully unite our covenant keeping God. To him the praise is due.

I am sorry that you have not answered my former letter. [illegible] light on one or two questions [illegible] feel satisfied that matters are going just as they should. How can we [illegible] what to do, if the missionaries will not enlighten us?

Is Miss Fay to leave the nation? May she not be useful in some [illegible] [illegible] feel reluctant to lose any one from your ranks who can be spared, [illegible] difficult to "make up" deficiency.

Your sister [illegible] Choctaw [illegible]
a lady for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] but the [illegible]
I am [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] only, [illegible]

[illegible] would [illegible] If a [illegible]
while [illegible]
heard with much [illegible] of [illegible]
but [illegible] that [illegible] might come
in some [illegible] And I will hope this.
But do you really think of leaving the
mission? You only speak of quitting Good
Land; but you say some things which
may imply that [illegible] of a greater change
is in your mind. How is it?

I need not say that we shall be very
sorry to have you quit the Choctaws, or
even Good Land. What will become of
the school? Is there my fear.

I feel the force of the considerations
growing out of Mrs [illegible]'s health. And if
she [illegible], I shall be
obliged [illegible] sorry & troubled as I
may & shall be. Your [illegible] I say [illegible]
of the question. You are [illegible] good teachers to
have a good school, good enough. What [illegible]
is needful? And [illegible] might
be provided for.

I am looking out for missionaries for
the Choctaws; and shall get them, if I can.
But it is a hard service hunting, as you
know. [illegible] perhaps [illegible]

Rev. J. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Aug 22. [illegible]

Rev. E. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother

Have barely time to acknowledge the receipt of yours of July 13. Thank you for giving me so full a report; it will aid me in making out mine.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. T. suffers from the heat. We have had some exceedingly warm weather, worse than usual. I hope it has not been so with you. Glad to hear that Mrs. T. is better. If you are obliged to leave H. what will become of it?

Remember me kindly to your wife.

Yours truly [illegible]

up & think more about [illegible]
more also." I feel much encouraged by the
[illegible] me. Mr [illegible] may not
[illegible] just as I should wish. Affly
some one else may [illegible] nothing
as a [illegible], getting [illegible] different
found.

Your Bro[illegible]

Your account of your [illegible] is the true; & I thank you for it. You must give a very flattering account of your work. The blessing that [illegible] doing the Lord's will is a blessing just where you are. And his favor is worth more to you than any place you might make in this great & strange world. To be where we are useful, & do what we are able, is the thing after all; what other results can you show? The issues of all labor are with the Lord. Let us look to him for his blessing. Without it we are nothing.

I have had a good deal of conversation with Messrs Smith & Copeland about the [illegible] question. According to their separate testimony there has been a [illegible] change among the people since I was among them. I called them by my own chart. Mr Smith said "We agree [illegible] the matter as it [illegible] has already been [illegible]; as I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

of [illegible] [illegible]

man also." I feel much [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] just [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
some one else may speak. [illegible] the [illegible]
as [illegible] getting upon a [illegible]
ground. If you [illegible] as it [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], you will say that they may [illegible]
be so. Indeed, I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Perhaps the Choctaw [illegible] will [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] in their place. I
rather expect it.

You have your annual meeting
about this time. May it please all [illegible]!
[illegible] sent my yearly epistle to [illegible].
[illegible]. I fear it will not reach you
in season.

[illegible] [illegible] with the Senecas. [illegible]
forward to the day, in faith & hope, when you
shall [illegible] to the Indians in their own
tongue of the wonderful works of God.
It is a consummation worth the living for
through long & weary years.

Affectionate [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
Edward, [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Your brother — fellow
worker in [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Bo[illegible]
Aug 22. 1853

Rev. S. H. [illegible]
[illegible] —

Miss. House Bo[illegible]
Aug 22. 1853

Rev. C. Byington,
Choctaws —

Dear Brother

I have barely time to acknowledge the receipt of your report, thanking you for it. Next year I hope you will send one that is a little longer & stronger, especially that the Lord will give you much to say.

Is there not peculiar need of the Spirit's presence among the Choctaws? Think of it; pray for the blessing — lead the people to the source of all good, let them cry mightily for help.

Who gave that $100 from [illegible]? Was very generous. I suspect it was [illegible] who did it. Kindest regards to Mr. & Mrs. [illegible]. Truly yours in [illegible]

Rev. L. H. Schuler [illegible]
Gi[illegible]ward.—

Dear Bro.

Your favor of Aug. [illegible] has recently received and [illegible] interest. I thank you for [illegible] long a report; it will aid me [illegible] preparing our Annual Report.

I pray the Lord to give [illegible] encouragement in your labors [illegible] results are not equal to your [illegible]. Still you will have this consolation that you honestly & truly did [illegible] Lord's will. That is the chief thing [illegible] all. Not what we are able to [illegible] of success, but what we do according to his holy pleasure, — this is the [illegible] [illegible] sin.

I suppose you hear often from [illegible] Stall's new station. Poor man! [illegible] some trials in his ordinary [illegible] & I fear he may have more. [illegible] to him to follow in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], tho' I [illegible] this [illegible] of "procedure. That man's [illegible] I do not fancy. It was a mistake.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] obtaining agreements

[illegible] $225.000. This is encouraging. but

yet it is only [illegible]

in the [illegible] the world, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] expect [illegible]

[illegible]. I [illegible] for

$250.000 this year.

Those [illegible]

[illegible] dependence [illegible]

God, infinitely better than any human

power. Let us pray for the power

of the Spirit. What [illegible]

[illegible]! What [illegible]

[illegible]

Kind regards [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

feeble, it is no time to quit the field.

If we do, [illegible] will not hold us guiltless [illegible]

them, who will care for them?

Mr. [illegible] death [illegible]

I learn from a letter [illegible]

surprise. Have expected to see him before

this, [illegible] now hope to see him soon.

Have had some correspondence

with Mr. Adams, in the hope of inducing

him to withdraw some of his expressions

[illegible]

Rev. S. R. Riggs.
Lac-qui-parle. —

Dear Brother

Your favor of June 20th I have read with deep interest but a little heavy of heart. I felt sad when I heard of Gov. Gorman's appointment, & I am afraid we shall all feel sad, while, so long as he holds the office. He is not the man for such a place.

Still we must hope on; & if we cannot hope now, we must hope for a future day. It is our duty to attempt something for the Dakotas; & tho' there is less to encourage us in governmental proceedings than I had ever hoped, it is no time to quit the field. If we do, I verily believe that the Lord will not hold us guiltless. If we forsake them, who will care for them?

Mr. [illegible] health is improving as I learn from a letter which his father sent me. I have expected to see him before this, & now hope to see him soon.

I have had some correspondence with Mr Adams, in the hope of inducing him to withdraw some of his expressions

in Geo. A. Bayes' building. He [illegible] energetic, & I take kindly to some things which he has done in connection with Dr. Williamson's work relating to Polygamy. But he is not quite so energetic as he was once, although [illegible] when is fairly drawn off from a [illegible]. He has a very ingenious way of [illegible] himself. I had some idea of his [illegible] from Bro. Potter's account of him. Hence I am not altogether disappointed. He is one of those good men who should have a [illegible] to himself. He was made [illegible] [illegible] in a harness.

Your items of business have been communicated to Mr. Hill.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Riggs.

Believe me, as ever,

Most truly & fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

P. S. Where is your annual report? Is it lost? I cannot well do without it. If it is not sent, please to write at once.

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
about $305,000. This is encouraging [illegible]
Aug. 23. 1853.
not to only what we ought to expect
in the present state of the world, & seeing
how [illegible] the churches are. Neither
we ought to expect to have larger sums
than these. We shall probably go for
$350,000 this year.

Brethren must not lose sight of
our chief dependence, the arm of the
Lord, infinitely better than any human
trust. Let us pray for the great rain
of thy Spirit. What else can save the
Indian race? What else can save
the world?

Kind greetings to all the br. & sisters.

I remain, dear sir,
most truly
yours

S. B. Treat

Rev. C. C. Copeland
[illegible]

Mission House [illegible]
Aug. 20. 18[illegible]

Rev. J. A. Read
Victoria Ill.

Dear Br.

Your request for a release from your connection with the Board was laid before the Prud. Com. & they have granted the same. I trust that your interest in the Choctaws & in missionary operations will not suffer any damage by this step. It is a good work, & the Lord will [illegible] upon it. May we both love it to the end.

[illegible]

[illegible] what you need, whenever you can [illegible] to the best advantage. [illegible] New Orleans, [illegible] better [illegible] here [illegible]

Rev. C. C. Copeland
[illegible]

Dear Brother

I have to acknowledge your letters of July 4, July 11, & Aug 11. The letters had some items which require notice.

1. The Com. authorize the visit which you propose to Mr C's in Illinois.

2. You are at liberty to buy the stove which you mention. How will you get it to the Choctaw country? Will Stewart send it to Cincinnati or here? Or has he stoves here, such as you want? If so, Mr Tomlinson will get such an one as you describe, & send it via New Orleans.

3. The Com. authorize the purchase of the horse power &c. Does not Mr. Stark get his thro' Mr Pitkin? And will not that be the best way for you?

4. You are at liberty to purchase articles which you need, whenever you can do it to the best advantage. Such as are large via New Orleans, had better [illegible] here & [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Aug. 30. 18[illegible]

Rev. [illegible] with the other [illegible]
[illegible] I have no
[illegible] to say [illegible]

Kind regards to [illegible]

for a dissolution of [illegible] with the
Board. I have laid before the [illegible]
& I am directed to make the following [illegible]

[illegible]

S B Treat

[illegible] candor [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] & unconditionally [illegible] your remarks
in regard to the course pursued at [illegible]
they consider altogether unjust, & particu-
larly unbecoming [illegible] of the
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been a frank & full retraction of them in
your subsequent letter.

Your second reason appears to the
Com. to be equally unsatisfactory. Though
Dr. Williamson believes in the abstract pro-
priety of admitting polygamists to the church,
you concede that he has not received any
one in fact; & you are aware that the [illegible]
have taken that [illegible] shall be received; a
decision in which Dr. W. has [illegible]
[illegible] that he ever expects [illegible]

[illegible]

Rev. M. H. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother,

[illegible] for a dissolution of your connection with the Board. I have laid before the Prud. Comm. & I am directed to make the following reply.

The sufficiency of your first statement [illegible] forth under date of April [illegible] they [illegible] & unequivocally deny. Your [illegible] in regard to the course pursued [illegible] they consider altogether unjust, & particularly unbecoming in a missionary of the Board; & they regret that there has not been a frank & full retraction of them in your subsequent letters.

Your second reason appears to the Comm. to be equally unsatisfactory. Though Dr. Williamson believes in the abstract propriety of admitting polygamists to the church, you concede that he has not received any one in fact; & you are aware that [illegible] have voted that none shall be [illegible] decision in which Dr. W. [illegible] brethren that he was [illegible]

Rev. [illegible]

[illegible]

his [illegible], may account for [illegible]
the efforts to [illegible] the Dakotas [illegible]
more abundantly blessed the Com. [illegible]
[illegible] with very great [illegible].

[illegible] to regard your [illegible]
[illegible] upon a disagreement with the [illegible]
regard to the boarding school, as [illegible]
by itself, though having its bearing [illegible]
the [illegible] that were already [illegible]
unnecessary therefore, for the Com. to [illegible]
any comment in reference thereto.

Still it is painfully evident that [illegible]
cannot be expected to labor pleasantly [illegible]
harmoniously with the Dakota [illegible]
future years. Hence the Com. [illegible]
that the connection of yourself [illegible]
with the Board be dissolved. [illegible]
give us great satisfaction to hear that you
are preaching the gospel [illegible]
the Dakotas, or, if that may not [illegible]
you are usefully employed [illegible] in
the service of our [illegible] Savior.

I remain, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

R. M. N. Assoc.
Rooms of Assoc. Miss. House Boston
Aug 8 1853

Miss Esther Smith,
Bristol, Vt.

Your letter of Aug 1 has been received; & as I do not see that any thing is to be gained by continuing our interchange of letters in regard to your reasons, I laid your request before the Com. yesterday. The result is announced in the accompanying letter. I am sorry that it becomes my duty to write just in this style, but I do not see how it is to be avoided.

The confusion arising from your "impression", has all grown out of your reading "inference" as I wrote the word, "impression", which was not in my mind. Look at my letter & see if it is not so.

The Com.ee authorize you to retain the furniture which you took from Gal-gin-pala as your own; also the cow; & of course you are permitted to draw money, so as to square up your old scores. As I understand your letter, this is all you ask. Am I wrong in this?

With kindest assurances to all of us remain, your brother & fellow servant in the Lord, S. B. Treat

S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Aug 24. 1853

Miss Esther Smith,
Bristol, Vt.

Aug 26, 1853

Rev. M. M. [illegible]
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Miss S.

I have just had a long conversation with Mr & Mrs. Palmer, very good friends of yours, in regard to Cherokee matters; and have had some conversation in respect to your plans. As the result of this interview, I have concluded to suggest the following plan for your consideration.

Mr. P. gives me a more accurate idea of the state of your health than I had before. It strikes me that it would be well for you to stay away from the mission till next year, staying in Vermont or [illegible], as you prefer. In the mean time I will correspond with the mission in regard to our plans, a suitable place for you to occupy, &c. I will inquire also whether you could not teach a public school, which might have some advantages, & enable you to be more useful.

How does this strike you? Let me hear from you.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Aug. 26. 1853

Rev. H. A. Wentz.

Cincinnati. O.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of June 4, Aug. 1st & 22. have been duly received. Have not time to write at length, but I wish to say, "Don't be discouraged" in the matter of marriage. Wait on the Lord, who may open the way unexpectedly; if he does not, then go out cheerfully alone. You will find enough to do.

Take care of your health. Endeavor to get well ahead in this respect before you leave for the Cherokees. Truly yours &c

S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston.
Aug 26th 1858.

Rev. Geo. Pond

Rev. Steph. R. Riggs,
Dakotas.—

Dear Brother

I have received yours of July 28; & though late, it is very acceptable. The report for your mission this year cannot be very encouraging; but such as it is, it should be written truly & faithfully.

I have just seen Mr Hancock, & talked much about Dakota matters. I advised & desired him to hold on for the present, & he will do so. I presume, however, he will stay at Red Wing this winter. He has not recovered from his illness fully, & will need to be careful.

He would be willing to teach a boarding school, but would wish to have some one else as steward. He would be ready to settle at Red Wood with Mr [illegible], if it should be thought best, or in any other good place. Or he would be willing to go to Lac-qui-parle. I trust you & Mr. Williamson will try to set him down in some good place.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs R. & children

As ever, Yours &c S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston.
Aug. 26. 1853

Rev. Geo. Rowlan
Augusta, Ill.

Confidential — \ Miss. [illegible]

Aug 26. 1853

Rev. S. A. [illegible] Yours of the 13th I must reply very briefly.

1. You can borrow for your wedding expenses, without further aid from your friends.
2. You use the money of the Board to go in debt of a [illegible] a short time.
3. You can attend the meeting of the Board at any expense.
4. If you should not go to the Western country this fall, you can study medicine at the cost of the Board.

In regard to the expediency of remaining in Illinois during the winter, I can hardly advise. If you are in full health & are otherwise ready in all respects to return to the field, I should say, "Go so." But if you are to obtain more health, or a good supply remaining, I should say, "Stay, getting medicine." This is what counsel as I can suggest for your guidance.

Kind regards to your family &

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Aug. 29. 1853

Rev. O. P. Stark.
School Camp Choctaw.

Mis. House Boston
Aug 26. 1853

Rev S A Worcester
Cherokees.

Dear Brother,

I wrote a letter to your mission a short time since, in regard to the burden imposed upon your families by mission company. I was led to do this, from repeated allusions to the subject by Mr Teale, & from my supposing that he was unreasonably taxed, & that Mrs S.'s health was endangered thereby. Since seeing Mr & Mrs Palmer, I have a different impression about this case; & as at present advised, I should not have written at all. Please to say as much to Mr Ranney.

Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston

Rev. A. P. L. Stark
Schudnek Landing.

Dear Brother

I have received your respective letters of Aug. 22 & 26, & will say a few words in relation thereto.

1. The Com. do not "give up" the point in respect to the hiring of slaves. In the letter of June 22. '48, they leave the door open for "cases of manifest necessity." And we now say, that when life or health are endangered by the non-hiring of slaves, the employment of their labor is permissible. This is all that we have said, & you will see that there is no inconsistency between our first & latest positions. With this explanation of the letter of June '48, I have supposed there would be no serious difficulty in carrying the mission. To maintain our ground at the north, it is desirable that we stand just here.

2. I still doubt as to the time of your return. You purpose to be at St Louis Oct. 1. The Board meets at Cincinnati Oct. 4. Is it worth while to lose the benefit of such a convocation for a few days, perhaps the only one you will be able to attend?

I think we had better get a lady

for "Cook's [illegible], & one for [illegible] [illegible] me one. Hope you will [illegible] all you can [illegible] [illegible]. Have written to Mr Chamberlain in regard to Miss [illegible] & [illegible]; but have heard nothing in reply. I presume then that plan will not work. Mr Chamberlain of course knows that he enjoys perhaps [illegible] one. Let him be [illegible] to me for once [illegible] in our hands [illegible] if we can [illegible]. As this is my busy season, I shall not be able to do much in that line. Perhaps you may aid us in hunting up [illegible] we need absolutely [illegible].

Kind regards to Mr & Mrs [illegible] & their household.

Your brother in the [illegible]

S. S. [illegible]

P.S. I presume you are expecting to take Miss Aiken under your care. Please to [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible] House Boston
Aug 29 1853

Rev. C. C. Copeland,
North Fork [illegible]

Dear Brother

We want to send out 2 ladies to the Choctaws this fall, one to take Mrs [illegible] place, and Miss [illegible] at Good Water. Can you & your wife find the [illegible]? There must be [illegible] the Smiths' [illegible] there is danger we shall not [illegible], if we do not make a special effort. Please to "hunt" & report. Any expense you may incur, we will cheerfully pay.

Kind respects to Mrs. C.

Yours very truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 29, 1853

Rev. J. Potter
Senecas.

Dear Brother

I will try to meet your mission at Cattaraugus on the Friday before the meeting of the Board. I now expect to leave here Wednesday morning & to reach Buffalo Thursday evening. Friday morning I shall go on to Cattaraugus in the first train. I cannot be more specific, as I do not know the hour of leaving Buffalo.

Yours in haste, as ever
S. B. Treat

I may be obliged to go to Cleveland Saturday

Oct. 1

Mis. House Boston

Mission House Boston
Aug 29. 1853

Rev'd A. Rockwood
Tuscarora.

Dear Brother

I expect to meet the N.Y. Indian mission at Cattaraugus Sept. 30 Friday A.M. I think I shall not be able to stop at Tuscarora, but shall spend ~~[illegible]~~ Thursday night at Buffalo, probably at Phelps Hotel. Perhaps I shall see you at Cattaraugus. Can Mr Peck & Mr Mayer go there? If not I can talk over your boarding school matters with you, & perhaps that will be enough. Possibly I may stop at Tuscarora returning. But I doubt. Yrs &c S.B. Treat

[illegible]

Aug. 29. 1858

Rev. Asher Bliss

Seneca

Dear Brother

I hope to meet the Mission at Cattaraugus Friday before the meeting of the Board. I expect to be in Buffalo Thursday evening, & take the first Friday train to your Reservation. The hour of leaving I know not. Probably Mrs Clark & Miss Kent, & possibly Mrs T. may be with me. Will some one meet us at the Station. And which station is it?

I may be obliged to go to ~~[illegible]~~ Cleveland Saturday eve. Yours &c

S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 31. 1853

Rev. W. Willey,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Brother

Yours of yesterday I have duly received. In our present hurry, I should not reply, were it not that you may expect an opinion on the expediency of your going to Cincinnati, if not ready to return. As we have conversed a little on the question as applicable to others, I will just say that we think it hardly desirable for missionaries who are at home to attend the coming meeting, in the absence of *special* reasons.

1. The expense will be something

I send to Andover, not knowing how long you will be away.

2. The number of those who ought to be there (Mrs [illegible] Wednesday) will be large; they object with the [illegible] to feel that there are too many among our [illegible].
This matter troubles us.

3. Such of us are seeking companions, if much delayed, are exposed to unpleasant remarks.

Should you be detained beyond October, I think Mr Wenzer can stop at [illegible] for a season [illegible] the [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

S. B. Treat

I send the [illegible], not knowing how long you will be away.

Mass. House, Boston
Aug. 31. 1859

Hon. Walter Lowrie,
&c. &c. New York,

Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug. 22 I could not lay before our Committee till yesterday. We all feel that it is very generous in your Ex. Com. to consent to the transfer of Mr Edwards to Wheelock; but we trust that in his new post, he will be able to subserve interests which are equally dear to you & to us.

Of course we cannot make out a formal appointment for Mr Edwards now; but as soon as he shall

August [illegible]

Rev. John Edwards,
Choctaw Nation.

be discharged from your service, Brother
& shall signify his readiness to join
our mission, we shall tell you him
one most greatly pleasure. The ordinary
testimonials will be dispensed
with in his case.

I am, Dear Sir,
most respectfully,
obt. yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Rev. John Edwards,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother

From considerations of delicacy I have abstained from writing to you till the present time. I have been fully cognizant of the wishes of Mr. & Mrs. Wright, that you should be his successor; & I have known the feelings of the mission on this subject. But I have deemed it unbecoming in us to invite a missionary of another Board, having in view his transfer to one of our stations, before we had the consent of that Board to the proposed change.

This consent we now have in your case, the Ex. Com.ee of the Assembly's Board being willing to "give" you "up," if we "desire to receive" you, as I learn from a recent letter of Hon. W. Lowrie. Yesterday moreover, I laid the matter before our Com. & they expressed their readiness to give you a formal appointment, without further testimonials, whenever you shall be prepared to enter upon your new duties. And we shall be happy to give a similar appointment to Mrs. Edwards.

S. B. Treat

I cannot but regard the [illegible] of the Lord; & his counsels stand fast. And I earnestly pray that [illegible] of our lamented brother Wright, may be given unto you; or rather that you may be "filled with all the fullness of God". We need a richer & more abundant baptism from above, at all our missionary stations, & in all our churches. My soul is weighed down, at times, by the thought of our urgent necessities. I sometimes feel almost impelled in spirit to attempt something in our New England churches, in the hope that others will do likewise, here & elsewhere; but the movement should begin with better men than I am. And yet I think I shall try to induce some of our best pastors to engage in such a movement. Peradventure some good may come of it. The earlier steps will be quiet & unseen; but the issues may be for the honor of our blessed Lord.

I shall be happy to hear from you at your convenience. Please to [illegible] Mrs Edwards of my kind regards.

Most truly &
fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
August 31, 1853

Miss. House Bost.
Aug 31. 1853

Rev C. Kingsbury,
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

I send herewith a letter to Mr Edwards, which please read & forward. I have not written to him in regard to any details, such as time of removal, salary, specific arrangements, &c &c, as not deeming it necessary. Most of these questions can be settled by the mission. And in respect to any thing requiring the action of the Com^tt^ we should probably want your opinion.

Kind regards to all
Truly yours
S B Treat

Sir,

For your favor of August 23 I feel greatly obliged, as also for the expression of your judgment in the matter of the alterations proposed by Gov. Gorman in the agreement entered into by Major Watrous & Mr. Hall. It was not till yesterday that I could take the advice of our Com^e. on the points presented by your letter.

As I understand the history of the agreement, it is as follows:– The proposition that Mr Hall should take charge of the boarding school at Crow Wing came from the Indian Agent. The engagements which he entered into were fully within the purview of his instructions. Gov. Ramsey approved the contract, & signified that fact by transmitting it to the Indian Department without remark.

To carry out the compact, we broke up our station at La Pointe & we removed three families to Crow Wing at great expense & expense there; & not a letter has come & bring

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

spirit, of [illegible]

(we had made any arrangement looking to the

fulfillment of the [illegible] contract, [illegible]

[illegible] be released [illegible]

[illegible] of the management of Indian Boarding

schools [illegible] have had, [illegible] we

have found them a source of great perplexing

& trouble. Nothing but the [illegible] of [illegible]

the Indian race could ever induce us to

assume the charge of another. We believe,

however, that such institutions are an in-

dispensable agency in the elevation of

the red man. Hence we consent to assume

the burden in certain cases. But we take

no step in this direction, unless we feel sure

of a kind & liberal cooperation on the

part of "the powers that be", [illegible]

[illegible] of the reference of [illegible]

Gov. Gorman has done [illegible]

of the Department was not aware of Gov.

Ramsey's intended approval. But that Gov.

Gorman, after knowing all the facts, should

suggest such alterations [illegible]

in [illegible] We have told him,

therefore, to [illegible] fourth [illegible] we have no

objection. [illegible]

[illegible] for though [illegible]

such a provision [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

object. [illegible] Hence [illegible]

(as there may be) [illegible] short [illegible]

in that [illegible] no [illegible] for [illegible]

It is certainly [illegible] to have any [illegible] the usefulness broken up, & [illegible] buildings [illegible] to pecuniary damage. [illegible]

3d But the third alteration is the most unaccountable of all. The agent of the government enters into a formal contract, & then a clause is added, which allows the Com.r of Indian Affairs to ride over any & all such provisions as he pleases to disregard! Though I have no reason to doubt the honor & fairness of the present Com.r I must be allowed to protest against such a principle.

The Department may wish to know our intentions, in case the alterations are adopted. Mr Hall has already apprised us of the two first, & asked for advice. His circumstances are very trying. A few weeks' delay in erecting buildings may subject all who are with him to severe sufferings in the coming winter. We have told him, therefore, to go forward; & we have done it in the hope that the Indian Department will disregard the advice of Gov. Gorman.

[illegible] unwillingly we feel [illegible] our course. My earnest [illegible] will [illegible]

Whilst [illegible] therefore, [illegible] the justice & [illegible] of the Department, I [illegible] that the first & third alterations be [illegible] postponed. Nevertheless, if our request is not granted, we [illegible] with feelings of profound regret.

[illegible] permit me to say that, so far as my knowledge goes, I have been pleased with the administration of the Indian Department at Washington during the last few months. I wish I could say as much of all its [illegible].

I shall hope to be apprised of the decision made in the premises in due time.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] If you had been [illegible] I could not have pursued a more consistent course.
That you ask a dismission [illegible] the Committee feel that your [illegible] should be granted, in the [illegible] you [illegible] released from your connection with us. It gives me great pleasure to say that we have entire confidence in your fidelity, & your desire to do good; & we part from you with feelings of high esteem & sincere affection.

Had the time [illegible] I should have suggested [illegible] of your request, the modification of your plan. I [illegible] better [illegible] your mind is fully [illegible] [illegible] you will [illegible].

You speak of your [illegible] that [illegible] I must be permitted to [illegible], that it would be [illegible], for I was taken very much by surprise by your letter of Aug. 30th. Mr. Palmer gave me such an account of your health, that it really seemed best to say that you should not return to the Cherokee nation this fall; hence I wrote as I did. In the mean time, I thought that I could write to the mission, in regard to a school, either public, or supported by the Board, & give all the information that might be needed. In this way your movements might be very much aided. I assure you that I penned my letter with the kindest feelings towards you. If you had been my own sister, I could not have pursued a more considerate course.

But you ask a dismission; & the Committee feel that your request should be granted, in the circumstances. You are, therefore, released from your connection with us. It gives me great pleasure to say that we have entire confidence in your piety, & your desire to do good; & we part from you with feelings of high esteem & sincere affection.

[illegible]

[illegible] requests of the [illegible]

[illegible] that your mind is fully made as to what you will do.

You speak of your shoulders & the [illegible]. I must be permitted to think still, that it would be better for you to [illegible]. But you are at liberty [illegible] to act as you please. The Com^ee [illegible] to allow you $100, which you shall expend in such a way as shall be most agreeable to you.

[illegible] much less cost.

Stewart [illegible]

2. Those requested [illegible] procure the articles you [illegible] a friend in readiness for Mrs. Stoll or [illegible] S. Lord [illegible] will [illegible] of returning to St. Louis [illegible] get Pettons made for $20.

3. Whether you & the school [illegible] S. B. Treat any articles, I am not able to say. I [illegible] should not [illegible] the [illegible] are willing you [illegible] Com. [illegible] matter. Perhaps [illegible] needed at other stations, when you have done with them.

4. You can pay [illegible] as you please & [illegible] Rupsburg or the Lathrops, or any of our brethren who want the money; & they can draw on Mr. Stoll for the amount in favor of any friend you will name. It should be to order. That friend can send the draft endorsed to Mr. Stoll, & he can send [illegible]

will pay it. I suppose this will answer your purpose.

Mr. J. R. Harris

Dear Sir

In yours of the 11th July [illegible] very briefly, as this is our busy time.

1. The London Times is not to be had without great expense. The N. Y. Times or Tribune will give you all the foreign matter you will need to read at very much less cost.

2. I have requested Mr. Reed, Cincinnati, to procure the articles you mention, & have them in readiness for Mr. Stark or Mr. Copeland. Mr S. talks of returning by St Louis. Mr Reed will get Pelton's maps for $20.

3. Whether you (or the school) should pay for any of these articles, I am not able to say. I am willing you & Mr. Lathrop shall settle the matter. Perhaps the costlier articles will be needed at other stations, when you have done with them.

4. You can pay such sums as you please to Mr Kingsbury or Mr Lathrop, or any of our brethren who want the money; & they can draw on Mr. Hill for the amount in favor of any friend you will name. It should be to order. That friend can send the draft endorsed to Mr Hill, & he

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the will [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] H. B. Wright
Chester [illegible] [illegible] haste, I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very [illegible]

[illegible]

I have received yours of Aug 12 with the annual report for ~~[illegible]~~ & accept my thanks therefor, & particularly for the clearness & intelligibleness of the report. All that I receive from the Mission are not so satisfactory.

But I have now returned from Mr. Green. If Mr. Copeland can get those returns better than I can, please to ask him to do so. Otherwise I will thank you to do so. The population of the churches will fall off the [illegible] unless I get fuller returns. I want very much to tell the whole truth. If you can send the returns soon probably they can be printed in the Annual Report.

Let me give you some of my thoughts in regard to the future. Mr. Edwards is [illegible] to the [illegible] you know of course, & I regard it as a great event. May the Lord bless him & you all abundantly!

You will probably need before long [illegible] the translation into [illegible] or the [illegible] or both. I presume you will [illegible]

some service among the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have rendered in forty years. And I doubt not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of harmony with Mr. C. Chetsos [illegible] they [illegible] to [illegible] him, & make him so useful as teacher & [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] early; but [illegible] [illegible] I have received yours of Aug 12 with the annual report [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my thanks therefor, & particularly for the clearness & intelligibleness of the report. All that I receive from the Indian [illegible] is not so satisfactory.

But I have now returned from [illegible]. If Mr. Ashland can get these [illegible] better than me, please to ask him to do so. Otherwise I will thank you to do so. The [illegible] to the "[illegible]" will fall off this year, unless I can [illegible] [illegible]. I want very much to [illegible] the whole truth. If you can send the [illegible] [illegible] soon probably they can be printed in the Annual Report.

Let me give you some of my [illegible] in regard to the future. Mr. Edwards' [illegible] to the [illegible] you know of [illegible], & I regard it as a great event. May the Lord bless him especially as [illegible]!

[illegible] will probably [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]

Very respectfully & affect. yours S. B. Treat

One desire [illegible] may be [illegible] to be rendered in fifty years. But it should [illegible] you can do it in perfect harmony with Mr. C. because of [illegible] & making[illegible] as useful as may be. Trouble has sometimes [illegible] here in Committee lately; but you will avoid it.

Now there are two other things which you can do. 1st You can write a Memoir of your dear husband. Notwithstanding your strong & just affection for him, you can give such a sketch of his life & character as will be just the thing. 2d You can write a history of the Choctaw mission. I have requested the brethren to do this work; but they have not had time; & never will have. You can write one that will be very useful; & if you do not, we shall never have one that is at all worthy of the theme. I would not have either of these books very large, because they would not be read as extensively in that case. Perhaps the History would be published by the Am. Sunday School Union, & so have a wide circulation. But I will not go into details now. If my plan strikes you favorably, I will consult the Com[illegible].

"But here is a heavy burden," you say. Yes; but take time, & throw the secularities of the boarding school upon Mr. Copeland. Let him be superintending & have the management & responsibility, & so set you free for [illegible] labor. "My strength is done".

Very respectfully & affect. yours S. B. Treat

Mag. Home Boston
Sept. 8. 1853

Mr Geo L. Ward
Cincinnati. O.

Dear Sir

I see that I mentioned "3 copy books" for Mr. Harris I should have said 30 (thirty). Please to put that no. with the other articles, & deliver them to Mr. Stark or Mr. Copeland. I may be too busy to think of it.

Truly yrs

G. B. Kent

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 6, 1853

Rev. O. P. Stark,
[illegible] Landing [illegible]

Dear Brother

I find the statistics of your mission defective. I know not how many have been received into Good Water & Good Land churches during the year. You speak of 4 since the division at Good Land. That is not what I want. How many have been received into the church within your charge limits? How many within Bro. Hotchkiss'?

If you cannot tell, will you write to Bro. H. & get him to do it with your help? If he answers at once, I will print it in the Report [illegible]

Miss. Home & Boston
Sept 8 1853

Rev. A. C. Copeland
Pittsfield, N.Y.

Dear Brother

Send your Statistics. Especially I want the No. admitted to your churches, also the present no. of members. Can you not send them at once? Is the Chesterton church cut off from us? I have not been informed. What shall I say of the school at Mt. Pleasant? That it is suspended? How many pupils had it?

Affectionate regards to Mrs. C.

Yours &c.

S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible] Burton

Sept. 8 1853

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Pine Ridge, C. N.

Dear Brother

I know not how Wheelock matters are shaping themselves, & therefore may misjudge & err in my plans. But it has occurred to me that Mrs. W. could write a good memoir of her husband, not very large, also a history of the Choctaw mission. The last you know, I have long desired. She writes well, & would make an interesting book. It would be well for you to revise it. These labors, with others, would so occupy, that she would need to be relieved of the [illegible] of the boarding school. Let Mrs. Copeland

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therefore take them; it would seem that all might go smoothly. He should be Superintendent, & have the sole charge. No other plan will work. And also Mr. W. should abstain from all comments upon his doings.

I have written to Mess. suggesting this plan. If it strikes you favorably, I trust you will help it on. I shall be sorry to lose Mr & Mrs P. & spare trouble, if they go. It is very hard to get Laymen into our service.

Kind regards to all, Mrs K & John especially

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss S. McAlton [illegible]
Grafton Va

Sept 8. 1853

Dear Miss Aiken

[illegible] to your [illegible] I hasten to reply. I must confess that my mind is rather moving in the same direction with yours. When I saw you [illegible] Should [illegible] meet the [illegible] the church [illegible] therefore, I see a [illegible] left, that we might have an opening that would be of use to [illegible] that you [illegible] to prepare for such a campaign. [illegible] for the [illegible] place where [illegible]

It does seem to me that there is some uncertainty as to your health; & hence I can not urge you to proceed. Were you in full & vigorous health, I should [illegible] to have you join the Choctaw mission; but you have no strength to risk in such a service; & I must think that there is risk in your going.

With these remarks, I leave the question with you. Should you be able

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Rev A. Gleason
Senecas.

Dear Brother

I don't think it will [illegible] for me to spend the Sabbath with you. To reach Cincinnati in season, I should be obliged to ride Monday night, if I stand at Cattaraugus. This would not prepare one well for such a campaign. I must get as far as Cleveland before the Sabbath.

Truly yours

S.B. Treat

Dear Miss [illegible]

To yours of [illegible] I hasten to reply. I must confess that my mind is rather moving in the same direction with yours. When I saw you at Saratoga, with Mr. Stark, I had my fears in regard to your ability to meet the labors of Pine Ridge, taking into view the climate. I requested Mr. Stark, therefore, to see a physician with you, after I left, that we might have an opinion that would be of use to you & us also. He thought, however, that you were anxious to go; & hence he declined to propose the measure to you; & nothing was done. For the same reason I did not mention the plan when I was in N. York.

It does seem to me that there is some uncertainty as to your health; & hence I can not urge you to proceed. Were you in full & vigorous health, I should rejoice to have you join the Choctaw mission; but you have no strength to risk in such a service, or I must think that there is risk in your going.

With these remarks I leave the question with you. Should you be able

[illegible]

[illegible] at the north, I shall [illegible] requests. Please [illegible] as soon as you have [illegible]

Very [illegible]

G. S. [illegible]

Rev. [illegible]
New York.

Yours of [illegible] is before me, as also one from Miss [illegible] of the same date. She is [illegible] to the opposition [illegible] of her going to the [illegible] though I freedmen she would go to a place [illegible] later [illegible] for she has got some idea of [illegible] She has written to her very [illegible] in regard to her health, I left the decision with her. I think she will not go.

Can you find some one else, strong [illegible] good, just the woman for the place? I hope you will [illegible] up [illegible] one. I think you thought you could find such a person, when I saw you in Saratoga.

And now for your letter. I feel a little puzzled by your question. I don't like to take a man away from a station like yours, & put him in a new place, without knowing the mind of the mission. I have now [illegible] [illegible], I shall [illegible] occupy the Agency? I have written for the opinions of the missionaries, as [illegible] (that is another reason for waiting), [illegible] Shall you go there? If the 1st question is settled

[illegible]

[illegible] New York.

Dear Brother

Yours of Sept 7 is before me, as also one from Miss Aiken, of the same date. She is doubting as to the expediency of her going to the Tinghsing; though I somehow she would go to a place [illegible] for she has got some idea of Mr R. Shaw written to her very freely in regard to her health, & left the decision with her. I think she will not go.

Can you find some one else, strong & good, just the woman for the place? I hope you will hunt up such an one. I think you thought you could find such a person, when I saw you in Saratoga.

And now for your letter. I feel a little puzzled by your question. ~~I don't like~~ to take a man away from a station like yours, & put him in a new place, without knowing the mind of the mission. There are 2 inquiries, 1. Shall I answer the [illegible]? I have written for the opinions of the missionaries, as stated yours, & that is another reason for waiting. 2. Should you go there? If the 1st question is settled

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] would be [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] that would be [illegible].
[illegible] : very insolent. There is
none more [illegible] in the Nation [illegible]

This day not [illegible] your [illegible]
don't see how I can [illegible] difficulty [illegible]
in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all day [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] if they
think we can spare a man for the [illegible] I
shall be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of their [illegible] constant delay. If [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
going, I shall go for it [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] about your return [illegible]
changed. So far as I understand the [illegible]
[illegible] it will be [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
to the meeting of the Board. But I [illegible]
suppose to know all the facts [illegible] [illegible]
your mind [illegible] [illegible] we will not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] those "honourable
women" [illegible] up [illegible] you [illegible].

[illegible] I [illegible] you a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from
Geo. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
him [illegible] among the Choctaws?

Very [illegible]
[illegible]

Miss S. H. Kellogg
Westford, Vt.

Dear Miss Kellogg

Two days ago I received a letter from Missionary West, informing me that you were willing to go to [illegible], to teach the school at that station, in accordance with Mr Seeley's wishes, but wanting an endorsement from me. This was the first intimation which I received of any in regard to the matter; otherwise you would have heard from me at an earlier day. As the Com. met yesterday, I laid the case before them, and they appointed you on a [illegible] that necessary without any hesitation, and designated you for the post in question.

I am very glad that this arrangement has been made; and trust that you will be happy and useful among the [illegible]. May the great Head of the Church add his blessing! In regard to funds for outfit or travelling expenses, please write to me [illegible] of your needs.

[illegible] testimonials in our hands [illegible]
if you prefer an appointment [illegible]
[illegible], on retaining testimonials. Sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Mr. J. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Miss [illegible]

Dear Brother

A letter from Miss [illegible] West informs of your willingness to [illegible] Teele this fall & suggests that a salary of $20 will be acceptable to you during your preparation. I enclose [illegible] with much pleasure.

How do you go to Cincinnati? If you have no plan perfected, you will have no difficulty in finding some female friend [illegible] who expect to attend the meeting of the Board. The fare is reduced via Railroad, & [illegible] others will doubtless go on that road. I leave the 28th inst. but [illegible] may; else I would ask you to [illegible] to go with me. I expect Mrs. [illegible] to accompany you from Cincinnati.

Your travelling expenses [illegible] I can send to you at [illegible], unless you have occasion to come to Boston. [illegible] to hear from you [illegible]

Miss Henry is appointed [illegible] as you will [illegible] in [illegible] If you prefer an appointment, [illegible] one, or [illegible]

Bro. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Oct. 1. In your company [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to money. [illegible] that can be
[illegible] J. Potter, the Sabbath on your [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] to Cincinnati Monday.
[illegible] all [illegible] Brothers
somewhat [illegible] looking into missing
[illegible], that [illegible]

You will [illegible] my letter of Aug. 29, acknowledging [illegible] to meet the mission at [illegible], Thursday morning, Sept. 30. I expect Bro. [illegible] one of the Com^ee to stop with me, and meet with the brethren.

Your letter of Aug. 29, I could not lay before the Com^ee till yesterday. After hearing it read, with the resolutions, they concluded that they would express no opinion at present, as Dr. L. & myself were expecting soon to confer with the mission on this & all other matters that may come up. As a general thing, we are opposed to appeals (made by missionaries) to Cesar; as I have no doubt you are. What is the true course in a given case, depends upon a wide range of facts. We have not facts enough to substantiate opinion that we should regard as of much value in your case. But we will talk these matters over in due time.

I am not sure but you can get

[illegible]
[illegible] in your [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible]. [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] perspicuity [illegible] on your [illegible]
[illegible], or [illegible], [illegible] [illegible].
He is anxious to see all questions [illegible]
somewhat given to looking into [illegible]
matters, that he may understand any
question that I shall [illegible]. He has [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible],
faithful, earnest minister. [illegible] [illegible]
better in these [illegible] in your [illegible] in which
Kind regards to [illegible] & the children
& all with you
Most paternally
Yours

S. B. Treat

P. S. Yours of Sept 5. has [illegible]
to hand.

Sept 10 1853.

Rev. E. A. Santh
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother,

Mr. Anderson has given me your letter to answer. It is my expectation to spend the 1st Sab. in October in your city; in which case I shall probably be able to see the brother of whom you speak.

Fraternally
& truly
Yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Rev. S. B. Treat [illegible]
Cor. Sec. A. B. C. F. M. [illegible]

Dear Brother

Perhaps I shall meet the points in your letter, in the best manner, if I make a *historical* reply.

The only evidence which we have of the arrangement which Mr. Whitman made in respect to the Dalles is derived from his letters. From these it appears, that your agents were about to *abandon* the station, & he thought it would be a great calamity to leave it fall into the hands of the papists; hence he agreed to take it. Subsequently, however, he urged Mr Roberts to retain the station; but the latter replied, "I consider the matter final & perfect, since I saw you;" &c. Dr W. agreed to pay for simply those things which could have been taken away; the amount being $721.13, of which $70 were paid there, leaving the net note for $651.38.

After the massacre, we were informed that it had been proposed, that your agents should receive back the station; that the note for $651.38 should be cancelled; & that you should have all that [illegible] for losses. So as [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
Affairs [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
any opportunity to [illegible] we might [illegible]
to [illegible] advantage, [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] that they [illegible]
[illegible]. If we still [illegible]
to [illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible]
his claims, or both, we might have [illegible]
should [illegible] a large [illegible] have been [illegible]
[illegible] that the Dalles property would [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Spalding has al-
ways regretted that we did not [illegible]
[illegible] such feeling. [illegible]
[illegible] right that you should have the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the property
destroyed at the [illegible] Waiilatpu, & the
Dalles, we sent them to the Indian Depart-
ment at Washington. The Com'r of Indian
Affairs referred the case to Dr. Dart
Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Oregon
to report thereon. He made a singular
report, proposing that [illegible] be paid
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
was after receiving notice [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in relation [illegible]

[illegible] at Clear Water [illegible]. Leaving

any question that might [illegible] the regard

to your interests contracted [illegible] without preju-

dice? And just here the matter was rested.

We endeavored [illegible] the Com. [illegible]

to include an allowance for losses in the

appropriations which he asked of Congress for

his Department. This he declined, but said we

should go to Congress. Knowing some of the

uncertainties of the procedure, with its mani-

fold vexations, we have not done so as yet.

If Mr. [illegible] wishes to see the documents

which we have of the Mission property, or the

report of Mr. [illegible], or both, I will show

them to him with pleasure. [illegible] are [illegible]

[illegible], of the [illegible].

Very respectfully
& fraternally
Yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

P.S. Your statement that the property [illegible]
Mr. Whitman was not destroyed, [illegible]
suppose, I is quite new to me.

Mis. Home Bds. [Brethren]

Sept 16. 1853

Rev C. C. Copeland

Williamsville N.Y.

Dear Brother

I have just received yours of the 13th inst & I received a letter from Mr. Slack who says he has found two destitute. He will go, one to Stockbridge, & one to Green Water.

In haste

Yours &c

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

[illegible]

I have just received yours of the 13th & I am very glad that you have secured that "teachable woman". If their testimonials can be forwarded before the 27th, I will have them appointed at once. But if you are satisfied of their fitness, they had better make their preparations for going, even tho' it be without a formal appointment.

As to testimonials, let Mrs. Bagley write some good man in Kinderhook; & perhaps a former teacher of theirs.

As to outfit, the matter is left to your discretion. Suppose they will go on upon the teachers' plan; — of house, outfit, the usual salary as long as they stay. The salaries of females we do not hold ourselves bound to pay; but we do it in some cases. We also aid in the outfit when requested. If they need $50 or 75, each, we will willingly pay the same. So what you think is about right, we shall be satisfied.

I have heard nothing more about the need of a teacher at [illegible], nor have I heard from Miss [illegible]. I think she will only

Then you may [illegible] in your [illegible] I should be sorry to have [illegible]
[illegible].

Have pretty decided [illegible] in regard to Mr. Hyde. [illegible] should [illegible] would be to let him [illegible] the mission of Seminary; but even that is doubtful.

You will find us ready to favor the agency plan, so far as is proper. It would not be right for us to [illegible] against the mission on such an organization, without strong reasons. Much depends, therefore, upon your judgment. It may be well for you to return that way. Will it not? Or will the ladies with you prevent?

I remain, as ever,

Yours [illegible]

S. B. Treat

P. S. Will you send me Mr. [illegible]'s letter?

Miss. Home Boston

Sept 16. 1853

Rev H. A. Kitchen Boston
Save Sept 16. 1853

Mr. J. M. Chamberlain,
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

I have received yours of the 2d. Have no fear in regard to the "companion". Wait on the Lord, & do nothing hastily. There are excellent single ladies in the field; perhaps the one in view.

I trust you will be ready to proceed after the annual meeting. Two ladies are going out; & I shall probably want you to take charge of them. Ascertain all about the best route. Are the rivers up? Is the Arkansas navigable? If not, it [illegible] may be the way. Yours in [illegible]

Very truly
S. B. Treat

Ack. 7 ...
to the ...
hope in ...
have ...
Mr. ...
found ...
are ...
wait ...
well of ...
you will ...
kind regards

Miss. Home Rooms Boston
Sept 16. 1853

Mr. Jas. H. Chamberlain,
Choctaw Nation

Dear Brother

Your favors of June 30 to Aug. 9 are received. Your request for one to take Mr. Lathrop's place, has been kept in mind, & many inquiries have been made. This morning Mr. Stark informs me he has found 2 ladies, Phillips, who are willing to go, one to Stockbridge & one to Good Water. He speaks well of them. I trust, therefore, you will be supplied in due time.

Kind regards to all.

Truly yrs
S. B. Treat

if he is willing to [illegible] out [illegible] in regard
to the boarding [illegible]
remain with his relations [illegible]
[illegible] such [illegible]
the [illegible] will not [illegible].

It seems to me [illegible] [illegible] which
would discourage all interest & feeling. [illegible]
the [illegible] I have just re-read your letter of the
16th of Aug. [illegible] in regard to the arrange-
ments at Wheelock from out of some of June. [illegible]
what you say. "We all agreed that it would not be best
for Br. Copeland to take charge of the [illegible] at
that station." You state that it was thought "best to
apply to Mrs. W. that if she could find any one to
come there", she was at liberty to engage them;
& Mr & Mrs C. would leave whenever she wished"
Was I not right in supposing that she might
[illegible] to have the superintendency of the [illegible]?
As to her insisting on it, I could not conceive it
possible, in the circumstances, that this plan
should be adopted, without her [illegible] it.

But I am glad to find out my error,
& that Mr & Mrs C. will remain. To fill their
places would be very difficult.

Are you sure that matters will go on, as
as they now are, at W.? I fear Mr C. will
not remain there, if Mrs W. is to direct or
interfere in the [illegible] [illegible] I am
confident of his [illegible], in [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]?

I [illegible] not [illegible] Mr. C. will [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the [illegible], [illegible] such [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] will [illegible].

It seems to me there [illegible]
would discourage all interest & feeling. [illegible]
the [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] on Wednesday, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] just [illegible]
shall [illegible]
Mrs. [illegible] will join you. She has written to me, [illegible]
expressing her [illegible]
my [illegible] she has [illegible]
health. [illegible] requested Mr. [illegible], last summer, to have
a medical consultation on the point, [illegible] found
her [illegible] did not [illegible]
in consequence of what he said, [illegible]
to interfere, & especially as [illegible] she had [illegible]
in relation to this matter, among others. [illegible]
she has her misgivings on Wednesday that she would
[illegible] to stay at home. I have then left the
decision with her. [illegible]

I had [illegible] requested Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
in case she shall [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Fraternally yours, [illegible]

instructions from the [illegible]

accountable for moneys [illegible]

public officers, not to the [illegible]

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Lower Minn. River.

Dear [illegible]

I have received your letters of Aug. 6 & 11. 20. I agree with you perfectly in regard to the course of Gov. Gorman; but yet think he ought not to give up just yet. Who shall care for the Indians, if we leave them?

I have no doubt that you & those with you will be called to some privations & trials in your new home. But it is in a good cause and our High Priest, who can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities, knows all that you bear for his sake. Not one of your sorrows is lost to him; not one will be forgotten. He does not judge us by our success, by the noise we make in the world, but by the love we show to him & his Father.

Before receiving yours of Aug. 11. I had been favored with a letter from the Indian Department, in reply to one [illegible] asking for a suspension of its decision till I could be heard in relation to the modifications proposed. The 3rd amendment strikes out "[illegible] with this agreement", leaving you to carry out all instructions from the Com." The 4th makes you

accountable for moneys received like any other public officer, and to the Indian Bureau after the manner, &c.

By direction of the Com.r I replied to this letter, assenting to the M[illegible] at once but taking an issue on the 1st & 2d, most decidedly. By the 2d I stated that we should have refused to take the school with such a proviso; but as things are we shall not object. We may wish to avail ourselves of its condition not by diff.

I informed the Department, that we did not ask to be released from the contract, if all the amendments should be allowed, inasmuch as we had incurred much toil & expense already; though we could never have taken a step in this direction, had these provisions been mentioned in the first instance. I appeal to the justice & magnanimity of the Department to do so. To this letter I have received no reply. As soon as I am apprised of the decision I will inform you.

Affectionate regards to all.

As ever, affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible] for [illegible] required [illegible]
public offices, [illegible] the Indian [illegible]
the manner &c.

By direction of the Com^r. [illegible] to
thy letter, relating to the [illegible] at once
but taking an issue on the [illegible] most de-
cidedly. [illegible] [illegible] should
have refused to take the school with such a
[illegible]; but as things are we shall not
object. We may wish to avail [illegible] of
its conditions [illegible]

Informed the Department, that we do
not ask to be released from the compact, if
all the amendments should be allowed, inasmuch
as we had incurred much [illegible] & expense
already; though we could never have taken
a step in this direction, had these provisions
been mentioned in the first instance. I
appeal to the justice & magnanimity of the
Department to us. To this letter I have
received no reply. As soon as I am
apprised of the decision I will inform you.
Affectionate regards to all.

As ever, [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 27. 1853

Rev. C. P. [illegible]

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 16 have just received, & I have also received with it letters from Dr [illegible] & Mr. Knight. He wants one encouraging, but wants a woman for domestic affairs, that Mrs. H. may teach. Can you find one?

No teacher for [illegible], tho the correspondence is not closed. Are you sure of Miss Brown's qualifications? If so, write to her at once. If not quite sure, write to her, stating our want; say that she may be needed & you will inform her, on hearing from me again. Have written to [illegible] to inquire; [illegible]

Miss Agnes Butler(?)
got an authority(?) this day. She
[illegible] to me.

Miss Brown [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] Cincinnati [illegible]
If you could [illegible] Mrs Brown,
[illegible] would like it [illegible] at once [illegible].
But I suppose you cannot spare
the time [illegible]!

Truly Yours

S. B. Kent

[illegible] letter [illegible]
inquiring about Miss Brown. She
[illegible] I suppose you wrote to
her. If I know that she's [illegible]
with her life. If not [illegible]
say the place is not established, or
she may be wanted, & you will
write again, [illegible] hearing from me.

In great haste yours

S B Kent

Mission House, Boston
Sept 17, 1853

Rev. W. L. Smith, Schodack

Dear Brother

Since just written to you at New York lest the letter may miss you. Mr. Holly wants a woman for domestic affairs. Can you find one?

No teacher yet for Schenectady. Have written to South Hadley & inquired about Miss Brown. But time flies. Suppose you write to her. If sure that she's the teacher, invite her here. If not quite sure, say the place is not supplied, & she may be wanted, & you will write again, on hearing from me.

In great haste, yours
S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Sept 17 1863

Rev. Mr. Thorpe
South Hadley, Ms.

Dear Brother

We want a teacher for Wheelock Choctaw boarding school. The name of Miss Mary A. Brown, now at Vassar, Onondaga Co. N.Y. has been mentioned. She is a graduate of your Seminary. Is she qualified for the place? Do you know, or can you ascertain?

Write to you, because I am not sure that a letter to any one else will bring a reply immediately. Moreover, we have the best for the teacher should be at Cincinnati at the meeting of the Board. If you will inform me at once, I shall be greatly obliged. Yours very truly, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 27. 1858

Miss M. C. Henry
Bradford Vt

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 27. 1858

Dear Miss Henry

Yours of Aug 31 addressed [illegible] has been placed in my hands to answer. If there is any opening for you as a missionary it is probably among the Choctaws. I am not sure that we can find a place for you there, as our schools are manned. But I hope to see your Bro. George at Cincinnati, & I will confer with him on the subject, after which I can speak more definitely.

Very sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 29. 1858

Miss M. E. Penny
Bradford V^t

Dear Miss Penny

Miss P. M. Penny of the 16th Have just recd. I reply in great haste; & have no time to go into details. I can only say, there is no mistake! The Comm^ee have acted intelligently, cordially, & unanimously in appointing you an assistant missionary; so that you need have no fears of a retraction! The consistency of things past & present views, is very easily explained; but I cannot go into the matter now.

I think it very desirable that you should go with Miss Lord; & it will be better that she wait till you are ready. Mr Wentz, who is to accompany you, is at Cincinnati; & he can postpone his departure. I shall write to Miss Lord immediately. I will see that she waits for you.

I hope, therefore, that you will make your arrangements to set out as speedily as possible. Please to remember that you can have almost any thing sent to you via the Miss. House, Boston. And, in any case, you had better take with you only what will be necessary prior to receiving the articles sent by New Orleans.

Very sincerely yours
S B Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Sept 19. 1853

Miss L. M. Lord
Stafford Ct.

Dear Miss L.

Yours of the 15 inst. duly received. I learn that Miss Young will not be ready to go as soon as you have expected to set out; & I think it very desirable that you should accompany each other. Mr. Beatty can wait. If you are still at Stafford, therefore, please to ascertain when Miss Young can leave, & shape your plans accordingly. This will be best for you both.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss' Home [illegible]

Sept 19. 1853

Miss L. M. Aiken

Saratoga Springs

Dear Miss Aiken

I have just received yours of the 16th. I am perfectly satisfied with your decision, & trust it is of the Lord. If the Sister at Mr. Kingsburys is the hand for you, I think it very likely some other place may be found. I have had a letter within two days asking for assistance in a small family. Shall see you I hope

In haste

Very truly yours

L B Lear

Miss. House Boston
September 1853

Rev. C. B. Stout
Schodack Cent.

Dear Brother

Miss Atkins [illegible]. I am glad on the whole; for if she should fail at Pine Ridge, she may be useful elsewhere. She would also dissuade that [illegible] with [illegible] not [illegible] but Mrs. Bradford (Rectors wife at [illegible]) said to the contrary of the same.

If you can find a good woman take her along. She will be needed at some place.

Respectfully

Miss Atkins' (her address Saratoga Springs) S. B. Treat

days at the Seminary, Miss. House . Boston ...
... Sept. 20th 1845 ...

Rev. E. Butler, M.D.

Cherokee Nation.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Feb. 18. has at length come to hand; but it has arrived in my wall experience, just at our busy season, beyond the difficulties, incident to get through with our necessary & indispensable matters, preparatory to the annual meeting. When I brought that letter before the Comm. they felt that they could not take up the subject, & do justice to it, & to the ... We might do wrong to your son by hasty action, or withhold from ... unfaithful to the interests committed to us. In these circumstances, we think we ought not to decide the question just now. And we shall not be able, for some time, to give particular attention to it.

The Comm. wish me to say that they are inclined to think that, on other grounds, the disposition of this matter had better be deferred. We have felt peculiarly embarrassed by the case; & we suspect this is owing very much to the fact, that we are obliged to take into the account a state of things which none of us can foresee. Should you wish to spend your

days at the Commons, it would not be incumbent on us to make any allowance of course: though we might be under certain obligations to your children. Of these, however, I need not speak. Suppose, on the other hand, you should be disabled from labor within the year, and leave the Commons, then your claim on us would be strengthened?

These hypotheses will show the difficulties of the case. If you were to leave now & had your plans formed, & your state of health, &c all being understood, the [illegible] would much better [illegible] to the [illegible] than that the sufferer [illegible] at least till Providence [illegible] any readjustment of the question [illegible]

This suggestion [illegible] from the strong desire of the [illegible] to do right. We are really perplexed by the fear that we may err in [illegible] at the present time. [illegible]

Let [illegible] at your convenience [illegible] you.

Affectionate [illegible] to Mrs. B. [illegible]
Very fraternally
[illegible] yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Rev. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Dear Brother

Yours of the 18th [illegible] received also of the 19th. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] if you can. She will be [illegible]

You put me on the wrong track in regard to [illegible]. Mrs. [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] note she did not graduate at Mt. Holyoke. [illegible] young [illegible] [illegible]? I fear not; but I see not how we can manage the matter. Have not much hope in regard to [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] If I could see Miss [illegible], perhaps I should be [illegible] [illegible]. Is she apt to teach? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? Can she get along with

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Should you not [illegible] again [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] possible. I am as [illegible]

[illegible]

With great [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Miss. Home Boston
Sept. 4. 1853

Miss M. C. [illegible]
Thetford Vt

Dear Miss H.

Yours of 20th have received. I send herewith $50. I think you had better take with you as little as will suffice till next spring, & send the rest — to your destination, Cherokee Nation, — to the Miss. House, Boston, & we will forward it. Perhaps you will go by stage from St Louis, in which case extra baggage would be inconvenient. Miss Lord goes to Cincinnati next week, where she will wait for you. Dr. Geo. L. Weed, or Rev. H. A. Tracy, will put you in communication with her & Mr Worth. If you reach Cincinnati Oct. 15, I think it will do very well.

I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you might

[illegible] [illegible]! The following [illegible],

[illegible] will be [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

upon January [illegible] [illegible] will

be [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Schenectady, Buffalo, [illegible] [illegible] or

[illegible] [illegible] Cleveland, [illegible] Cincinnati.

[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] you will be [illegible] for

the [illegible] of the [illegible].

I am [illegible] [illegible],

Very [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Street

[illegible] Sept 24, 1853

[illegible] No. 5

Cincinnati, O.

Dear Brother

[illegible] will be in Cincinnati [illegible] Board, but [illegible] will not arrive till the following week. I presume you will not send for the [illegible] till Oct. 17. [illegible] may be delayed. Meantime [illegible]

I shall [illegible]

Meantime [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Miss [illegible]

Phila Dec 1853

Miss H. B. Wright 1853

Choctaws

Dear Madam.

I have barely time to acknowledge yours of Aug 22. I rejoice in your improved health & hope it may be better still. By this time I presume your mind is at rest in regard to Mr. Edwards. May he prove a great blessing to the Choctaws. I was doing all I can to get a teacher for you, but the notice is very short. Four weeks, more would be sufficient; I am a little fearful now. But we shall see. I have heard nothing from Miss Bigelow's friend.

Respects to all with you. Very sincerely yours

W B [illegible]

Miss. Home Boston
Nov 24 1883

R. E. [illegible]
Chaderns.

Dear Brother

I have not [illegible] letter Mrs. Clark has informed us of the going out of a lady for your house. Be sure to keep [illegible], I ask say that Miss [illegible] is to accompany her and to know just what you want, & to have had the negotiations. I trust she will be just the thing. The Lord is wonderful in all His ways; let us praise him therefor. We are very busy in preparing for the annual meeting.
Kind regards to all [illegible]
Fraternally yours [illegible]

Mis. House Boston
Sept 24 1852

Rev C. Seele
Cherokees

Dear Brother

Your letters of Aug 16 & 20 are before me. I have no leisure in preparing for the annual meeting to say much. I will remark, however, that I have just seen Miss Lord. She starts for Cincinnati next week. Miss Henry is appointed; & I have just sent her $50. She cannot start till Oct 10. These both will leave Cincinnati Oct. 29. under Mr Worthy's care. Miss Smith returns with Anne. She [illegible] her connection with the Board. We have no responsibility in regard to the matter. I like Miss Lord very much. Kind regards to Mrs S. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Home [illegible]

Oct 15. 185[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Co. [illegible]

Mr. J. M. Chamberlain, Dear Sir

Choctaw Nation.

[illegible] just [illegible]

dispatch, saying I am unable to furnish

for you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

matter yourself. [illegible] may be best

[illegible]. Should you [illegible] to

wait another Sabbath, however,

[illegible]

[illegible].

Miss. House Boston
Saturday Oct. 15. 18[illegible] [illegible]

Rev. [illegible] Bushnell D.D.
Hartford Ct.

Rev'd Dear Sir

Have just sent a telegraphic dispatch, saying "I am unable to preach for you tomorrow." I am very sorry to be obliged to do this; but I returned last evening from Cincinnati with a very hoarse cold; & I could not possibly fill your church, to say nothing of the rest attending the effort. It would give me much pleasure to preach to your people on missions, could I be heard. I presume you will "work" the matter yourself, which will be best doubtless. Should you conclude to wait another Sabbath, however,

I will try [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for you. Oct. [illegible] 1883

Rev. H. [illegible], Very cordially &
[illegible] Building fraternally
[illegible] St. Yrs

L. B. Kent

Returned this morning with
my bad cold, & cannot preach for
Mr [illegible]. I have telegraphed

P. S. I hoped that I might be
able to preach for you at this
morning

him [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] that
[illegible] [illegible] he will [illegible] the
matter himself. If he wants any,
he will write. I am by no means, on
the strength of what I have
said to him.

Very truly yrs

L. B. Kent

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 20 1853

Mr Lemuel E. Whitney
[illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Oct 15. 1853

Rev. A. Fowler,
Brattle Building,
Chatham C°. Dr Bro.

Returned last evening with a very bad cold, & cannot preach for Dr Bushnell. I have telegraphed him, & also written. If he should decide to want another substitute, I would try hard not to fail; but I presume he will "trust" the matter himself. If he wants me, he will write. I doubt not, on the strength of what I have said to him.

Very truly yours

W B Lord

[illegible]
Oct. [illegible] 1853

Mr [illegible] E. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

At the meeting of our Co. yesterday afternoon, I was [illegible] to remit you $50, being, as we understand, about the amount of expenses from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]. They passed the vote very cheerfully.

They also [illegible] your request for a release from your connection with the Board. In parting from this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], you however [illegible] [illegible] for your temporal & spiritual prosperity. May the blessing of God attend you in all your future course.

With great respect &c
I am very truly
Yours
Geo. [illegible]

72 [illegible] Mss. 25 [illegible]
I hope [illegible] your
family

Mr. S. L. Hobbs &c
Lenox, C. N.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Aug. 12 reached me about one month ago. I was greatly interested in its perusal, & regretted that it did not come to hand before I made out my article on the Choctaw mission for the Miss. Herald. It would have helped me to give a little sketch of Lenox & the new missionary.

I wrote at once to Mr. Stark to try to find a woman for your family, & when Mrs. M. [illegible] was not successful; nor was I more fortunate in my endeavors. The time was too short. It is possible that you may have relief in another way. We have sent out a Miss Aiken to Mr. Kingsbury's; but I am not at all sure that she will stay there long. If she does not, I have mentioned your place; she says she should like it much. Should you get her, if she has tolerable amount of health, as she expects to have, though not strong, she would be very valuable as a helper. Miss Ames recommended her. You would receive her, of course, not as a mere domestic, but as a companion, friend & fellowlaborer. Such, I think,

[illegible] [Rev. Hymen Clayton?]

[illegible] ... [illegible]

I trust there will soon be a movement towards supplying your portion of the nation with another missionary. Dr. [Butler?] thinks very well of the agency, & would be willing [to go] there himself. If the mission can get some one else in his place at [illegible], & if that post is occupied, & [Mr.] Cyrus [Kingsbury's?] neighborhood also, you will feel strong on this side of the mountains; & you will have a chain of stations reaching to the [Arkansas] line.

Geo. Pearson will study medicine at Cincinnati this winter, & go to the Choctaw nation next year. He has a brother who is willing to go as a teacher; but whether this will be advisable, I know not.

We had a good meeting at Cincinnati. No trouble arose from the slavery question. I hope we are getting through that wave.

Please to assure Mrs. [illegible] of our continued interest & sympathy. May the Lord keep you both in perfect peace!

Very truly yours
fraternally
[illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, [illegible]

Rev. Marcus Palmer, Esq
Fitchville, Huron Co. O.

Rev & Dear Sir

I did not return quite so soon as I expected when I saw you; & since I came back, I have been very busy. Hence I have not been able to write to you as early as I wished. I hope the delay will not occasion you any inconvenience.

I have taken the judgment of the Prud. Comm.e in regard to your going among the Cherokees for a season. They cordially approve of the plan; & they also sanction the terms which we agreed upon, viz. at the rate of $500 a year, & expenses to & from the nation. The time likewise they approve; that is, that you labor the spring, when you & the brethren can decide whether it is best for you to continue longer.

And now, dear Sir, I will pray that you may have the favor of God vouchsafed unto you in large measure! Go in the fulness of the blessings of the gospel of Christ! Let the poor Cherokees see & feel that you go to them in the spirit of the Master, & that your earnest desire is that they may be saved.

be urged upon them [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] advice. They know the [illegible] of the field better than I do or can. Unless there is a special call for you at some particular point, I should think [illegible] [illegible] of some [illegible] to you. But the mission will know best.

I am deeply [illegible] in regard to the [illegible] [illegible]. They are not doing as well as their friends must wish. If possible, and it should be [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] should be [illegible] for their benefit. I hope to hear a better report from them than we have had of late. May the Lord use you as an instrument in bringing about this result!

Yours, dear Sir,
Most sincerely,
Yrs
in the bonds of Christ

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

3. Give any way of making [illegible] more
in [illegible] [illegible], specially in the [illegible]
that [illegible] [illegible] it, or any other reason.
5. It may be known that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
difference when the [illegible] [illegible], or in the
[illegible]; but [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] will [illegible] be
able to judge [illegible].

I feel that you are [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr Wiley's protracted absence. I [illegible] of his being away so long; & when he will return, I have no means of knowing.

It is wrong to [illegible] you in this [illegible] [illegible]. I write, therefore, to see if any thing can be done to remove it. Are you willing to remain at Ningpo indefinitely, managing the [illegible] interests, as you have done?

I hope Mr Nevius has reached Ningpo by this time; & I hope you & the people will like him. He has not much polish; but the [illegible] at [illegible] Seminary & others speak highly of him as a good, sincere, devoted young man. I hope you & he can labor pleasantly together, in bringing many of the heathen, & the [illegible], to think favorably of the [illegible].

As Mr Wiley has been away a long time, & he has given me no intimation when he can return, the [illegible] to him with propriety, therefore, [illegible] time to have some permanent arrangement at Ningpo.

My dear [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], unless it be [illegible] to take into it, in any [illegible]. It may be that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when the Indians [illegible] in the vicinity, not [illegible] Co. [illegible] able to give better than [illegible] in [illegible].

If Amos has something to [illegible] by his energy, as I have not [illegible] of the Co. Maybe [illegible] [illegible] you on the subject. As soon as [illegible] opinion, I shall be glad to know it.

It will not be best to [illegible] about much, but we have something definite in prospect. There might be exaggerations & misunderstandings. I shall write to Mr. [illegible] on the subject.

Affectionate regards to [illegible] & thy [illegible], [illegible] [illegible].

Fraternally

yours

S. B. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] know [illegible] opinion

Eliza Ann told me [illegible] whom [illegible] would be a [illegible] was more than I expected. What you [illegible] in regard to thy brother, I have [illegible] but I did suppose that he would [illegible] in the matter, How is it?

[illegible]

[illegible] get my [illegible] [illegible] good. My [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] The [illegible] [illegible] acknowledged. Strangely you [illegible] this is a strange world. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] things to get rid of [illegible]. [illegible] are ignorant of the [illegible] state of things. Let them continue so.

I have just written to [illegible] if he is willing to continue [illegible] may do more good than [illegible]

You will [illegible], "what will he do?" [illegible] that is an [illegible] question. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if he is [illegible] at home for the [illegible] to [illegible] an opinion.

Eliza Ann told me that [illegible] return to the Nation would be a [illegible] this was more than I expected. [illegible] in regard to the [illegible] but I still suppose that the [illegible] in the [illegible], is it?

[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. If you have any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
him on the subject.

Perhaps you had better write [illegible] [illegible]
giving such impressions as you have, [illegible]
[illegible] the views of others afterwards.

It would be well to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] present. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible], in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. If I can get the
real state of the case, I will write to him
whatever may be necessary.

If the [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], would it be [illegible]
Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? This is the aspect
of the general problem

Fraternally

Yours

W. B. [illegible]

P.S. Mrs. [illegible] is very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
She was attacked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
[illegible]
Oct. 29 1853

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

When I was at Cincinnati [illegible] Dr. Palmer, who offered his services [illegible] the Choctaws, as a physician for a few months. Feeling the need of additional help, & remembering the correspondence [illegible] had some time since, I [illegible] subject to the approval of the Com., without awaiting the action of the mission. He goes alone, this spring, [illegible] his expenses to & from the nation. Whether he shall stay longer than spring, is to depend upon the opinion you shall form in the premises. If his labors are acceptable, I shall be glad to have him continue, as long as he will remain [illegible]. Whether [illegible] shall go, is another question [illegible]. We will not discuss it now.

As to the place of his operating, I leave [illegible] to you. If you have no medical man [illegible] perhaps you can give him your [illegible] in a different way; he must [illegible] made the most available. [illegible] will accomplish the most. [illegible] you will know what to advise. May the Lord add his blessing.

Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston [illegible]

Rev. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother

I trust that by the favor of the Lord, you have already reached the Indian Mission. It will be a new world to you; some things will give you joy, others will give you pain. Be not hasty in drawing conclusions. "Wait & learn," is a good motto. Do not enter upon new plans of doing good at once. See what the brethren do; ask their reasons for this or that; & ponder all things. Afterwards you may find out new & better ways for your own labor. But preaching the word, in all proper places & at all proper times, is the work of a missionary.

Be a man of prayer & faith. If [illegible] [illegible] steadily remember Elijah, how he prayed, & the heaven gave rain. Love the Indians. Let your anxiety for their good, & your love, appear in all suitable methods. They deserve your sympathy, especially at the present time. Be careful not to offend their prejudices; but win them by gentleness & love.

It is not my wish, however, to go into this matter in detail. Your brethren can give you instruction or suggestions of value; they will delight to aid you in this & in all ways.

Perhaps [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of your [illegible]. [illegible] of the [illegible]
me [illegible] beginning you [illegible] as dis-
tinction between slavery & other sins. This is not quite
correct. You remember that I told Mr. B. that
[illegible] no authority from the Prud. Com. beyond friendly
intimations; but I could give no authority. This
was true. In nothing that I said did I speak by
authority. I alluded to the evils among the Cherokees of
infidelity, slavery, & intemperance; & said
that you were to meet these by the gospel of Christ.
I added that [illegible] [illegible] of the way you should
preach the gospel in reference to slavery; but I directed
your attention to the expressions of our views on that
subject [illegible] making known to the mission. I have conceded, that
in point of fact no ground for any distinction, in preaching the
gospel, between the sin of slavery & other sins (by sin
of slavery I meant whatever is sinful in slavery. See
Letter of June 22. 1848.) I also said that I was happy in
the belief that the Cherokee mission entertained the same
views. If you read the letter of June 22. '48, that
I meant to leave the matter just where that letter
left it; & that I did not mean to place you on a dif-
ferent platform from the others. You were not [illegible]
or [illegible], but referred to a document which contains
the views of the Com. & from that you will learn that
the mode of bringing the gospel to bear on slavery is left
to your Christian discretion, with the time, place & circumstances.
[illegible] I am, as ever, your brother in the Lord
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 25. 1853

A. T. Strong. Esq
Irving, N. Y.

Dear Sir

Your letters of Oct 12 & 13 I have duly received. I should have replied at once, if I had not been very busy, as I always am, after the annual meeting.

I thank you for the interest which you manifest in our mission; & I heard many things of you at Cattaraugus which gave me pleasure. I wished to see you; but I had not time to remain longer, as I must needs spend the Sabbath in Cleveland.

In reference to the subject of your letter, I may say two things. 1. I should be very sorry that Mr Wright injure his health, in any way. 2. We wish him to do all he can consistently in performing direct missionary labor. My heart's desire & prayer to God, for is that all the Senecas may be saved. I want to see all the pagans on the Lord's side. My soul is burdened by reason of their continued rejection of the gospel.

I will address Mr Wright immediately on the subject of your letter.

I remain, as ever,

very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Mis. House, Boston
Oct 25, 1852

To the Choctaw Mission

Miss. House Boston
Oct 25, 1852

Rev. A. Wright, Choctaw

Dear Brother

I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. Strong, which read or return if you please. I know nothing more in the case.

Two things you know to be true. 1. We desire not you to injure your health in any way. If you are doing it now, please to amend. 2. We want to have every thing done for the poor Indians that can be done, consistently with other & higher interests.

Perhaps no one should know that I have sent these letters to you. You are judge. Perhaps there is more in the affair than appears. You will be wiser than I am.

Respectfully &c. Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible] Bates
Charlestown [illegible], [illegible]

Dear Brother [illegible],

You are already [apprised] of the release of Miss Smith; & it seems proper that I should explain how this event took place, especially as she has made some remarks, as I am informed, which reflect upon my course.

When she arrived in Boston, I found that she had received no intimation from any one, that it might not be best for her to return to the nation. Knowing what the views of the mission & of others were on this subject, I felt bound to open the matter to her with Christian frankness. I endeavored to do so with all the kindness & sympathy which I had at my command; & I thought I succeeded tolerably well. Miss S. proposed to go with Mr Perkins' family, & fill the place which Miss [illegible] is to fill. I discouraged the idea, with good reason, as I believe. I then mentioned the plan of a neighborhood school, she finding the place, & making the arrangements, & we paying the expenses. I was sincerely anxious to gratify Miss S. in her desire to return to the nation; & I was confident that she would make the plan work. I was [illegible] in the expectation that she would return for the purpose just mentioned.

S. B. Treat

N.B. Miss S. has no [illegible] of any one in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

when [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] in reference of the matter. [illegible]
mentioned [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in the place [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] is affirmed by [illegible],
in the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] should go back [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the mission would have [illegible] to [illegible]
in the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; if
it should be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
should have the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
I feel that [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
on the 20th of Aug. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
in [illegible]. I [illegible] that my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in the mission. I would, therefore, [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
will provide the means of my [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible],
I [illegible] ask no more, [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]; for I feel that I can be [illegible] as useful in one
of the govt. schools [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] request [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in saying that it would be well for [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], in the [illegible] of [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible]. If [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the mission;
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Fraternally yours
[illegible]

N.B. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of any [illegible] in the mission or of the
[illegible] [illegible]. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible].

Miss. House Boston
Oct 25. 1853

Rev. T. E. Ranney,
Cherokee. Dear Brother

The accompanying letter explains itself. I endeavored to treat Mrs S. with all kindness; but I took care not to say any thing which should give hard thoughts toward the mission. I did not compromise any one in the least. I told her what I supposed the impressions of the brethren in regard to the school were; but I spoke only in the most general terms.

I have written to Mr. Hitchcock in regard to his continuance at Dwight, also to Mr Worcester in another subject about which he will confer with you. I do not form an opinion in reference to Mr. Wentz health. He has a good report.

Yours very truly S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston, Oct. 1852.

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson, Dakotas.—

Dear Brother

Your letter of Aug. 23 I found on my return to the Miss. House, after attending the annual meeting at Cincinnati. What you say in regard to polygamy, is perfectly satisfactory. If any one seeks to make capital out of the power, we are ready for him.

I shall be surprised, if Mr Hancock leaves your mission. He was at the Miss. House, & I had considerable conversation with him. He gave me to understand that he expected to continue with you. I expressed a wish that he should do so; & I should have said more on the subject, had he not declared his willingness to remain. If he leaves us, it will be through his wife's influence, I am sure. But I have no reason to suppose that she will try to detach him.

Yours of Sept. 26 I have also received. Your obituary notice I have given to Mr. Wolf, who will use it in the Journal of Missions. I have noticed Mrs Pond's death in the annual report, & a notice will appear in the Jan. Herald. Brief, however, as it must be in the Journal of Missions. Her husband had never apprized me of her death.

I have no more light on Dakota matters. I am informed that the Com^r of Indian Affairs has written your Sec^y of the [illegible]. I hope he will get his eyes open as to the character of his subordinates, & also to the demands of the crisis. How much good might a wise & good man do for the Dakotas, in his position? May the Lord turn his heart in the right direction!

Our meeting at Cincinnati was pleasant & profitable. Sorry not to see you there; & I am sure you would have enjoyed it. We shall go west again very soon. Within 4 years I presume we shall visit Cleveland; a little later we shall go to Chicago. The ends of the earth are compressed together in these last days.

Please to remember kindly to Mrs W. & your sister.

As ever, most truly
Your brother in Christ

S. B. Treat

P.S. I send herewith a letter addressed to the mission. Perhaps you can't confer as a mission; if not, I hope you & Mr Riggs will write me at length, i.e., if you wish me to urge the Gov^t to some action. Revd Ravoux's sympathy with Romanism is not what it seems. He did not know that the Com^r to the Sand. Islands was a Catholic. Please to send the accompanying letter to Mrs Riggs.

Mis. House Boston

Oct. 28. 1853

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

I have received a letter from Mr. W. Holmes, formerly at Norwalk, in regard to his becoming a missionary among the Choctaws. He has not offered himself for the work in form; yet it is desirable that I should know the mind of the brethren on this subject. Do you desire that Mr Holmes shall labor with you in the ministry? Please to let me hear from you.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible] Oct. 28 [illegible]

Rev. S. R. Riggs.
Santee—

Dear Brother

Your letters of Sept [illegible] are before me. Dr. Williamson has written me on the subject of polygamy, as I supposed he would. His statement is entirely satisfactory. We have no right to advise that his theoretic belief should be of this or that sort. If his practice is unexceptionable it is all that we can ask. In this age, men must be allowed to think for themselves, though they take rather more latitude in their speculations than [illegible] appears.

Last Tuesday I consulted the Prud. Com. on the 2 points which you mention. In regard to having a boarding school, with one or more families employed in it who are supported by the A. B. C. F. M. they reply in the negative. This is not a new question with us as in principle, though it is in form. A mission should be responsible to but one directing body, else there may be difficulty.

To the 2d question they answer in the affirmative. You are at liberty to employ such teachers to aid you in carrying forward the boarding school, as you may think best, & the compensation which you may give you will [illegible] school. In [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may [illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], we [illegible] [illegible]. If [illegible] [illegible] in
any [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from
its effects. If they are to persist, the [illegible] [illegible]
in their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
feel very deeply.

You will receive the [illegible] for [illegible] with the letter [illegible]. You will see my [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible] particularly on the [illegible] [illegible], because the hope of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. If they persist, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. If they are dead, I [illegible] they will become a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. You will see, [illegible] [illegible] the subject of [illegible]. At the meeting [illegible] [illegible] ordination, I said [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible].

Mr. Williamson's [illegible] need [illegible] [illegible] on this point, only to [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. My letter of June [illegible] [illegible] fully [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the problem in [illegible] we consider the best [illegible] way. We don't tell everybody what we are doing because we should [illegible] [illegible] our [illegible]. We must work silently and quietly, as [illegible] the matter as [illegible].

Please [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] to my [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Your affectionate [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible]

P.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Creek
Aug. 24. 1853.

[illegible]

Dear Brother

If this year shall close without any thing effectual done or attempted by the U. S. Govt. for the Delawares, perhaps we ought to make some representation at Washington. I do not desire the [illegible]; but if it is best, I will see the persons that [illegible] something might come of it.

If it seems best to you, let me know; & also inform me fully just what you think should be attempted. [illegible] need to be [illegible] some [illegible] the plan & the Govt. [illegible] consistent & reasonable. If you [illegible] [illegible] to a meeting, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] yours [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 26. 1858

Rev. A. C. [illegible],
[illegible] —

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 26. 1858

Mr. Robt. A. [illegible]
Waverly, Ill.

Dear Sir

I received a letter from you, as I suppose; though it had no signature. As you do not offer your services to the Board, I hardly know what to write. In regard to your second objection, however, I may say that the mission is fast getting out the right position, as it seems to me. I have had many talks with Mr. [illegible] P.C. [illegible] on the subject recently — changes are taking place which I did not expect.

What would you think of going among the Ottawas? [illegible] would have no objection [illegible] there [illegible]?

Truly yours
[illegible]

[illegible]! [illegible] pleasant [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] gave me [illegible] accounts of your good [illegible], [illegible] just after I left for [illegible]. [illegible] you both most cordially. The [illegible] very much for the Annual Report, [illegible] in time for the printer. I wish all [illegible] have been such an example of [illegible] [illegible]. The Charleston [illegible] have generally done well in this regard.

Your wife's note let me into the mysteries of your [illegible] life at Barrington. [illegible] what I wanted. I am glad there is so [illegible]. And you are well housed & happy! [illegible] rejoice; except I know it would be [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] many friends, speak one of myself, might envy you! Aye, [illegible] too! If I could follow my personal preferences, I should be for breaking away from my present position, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Charleston, [illegible] or the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] better.

[illegible]. [illegible] will have returned before this reaches you. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] a line.

[illegible]

[illegible] Copeland [illegible]

[illegible] Christian [illegible]

[illegible]

Your brother in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Copeland [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
Treasurer —

Dear Bro.

I [illegible]
I will give the [illegible] before the [illegible]. I presented the [illegible], and [illegible] for his inspection; whereupon they at once adopted the plan which we [illegible] last of [illegible].

1. They approve the change [illegible] of the boarding school. [illegible] it; [illegible] like any other operation of the Board.

2. They make you the Superintendent of the school. Miss Rogers has shown a [illegible] spirit. [illegible] good, [illegible] among the [illegible] they feel that [illegible] had better [illegible] possible [illegible]. We shall, therefore, regard you as such.

3. Miss Rogers, therefore, will have her separate department, and be [illegible] the [illegible] of her [illegible]. Each had better have her [illegible] and clearly defined sphere of action, and keep within it. In this way the machinery will work without friction; otherwise there will be danger of [illegible], as we have had some experience in the [illegible] and think this point important.

4. We want the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

take an interest in any way, it will be well. If he [illegible] [illegible] I will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible].

I will not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] further now; the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a good, efficient school. Begin economically, [illegible] it to [illegible] [illegible]. Let the Seneca[illegible] feel that we have faith in their [illegible] & [illegible]; that if they will do all they can, we will try to [illegible] an institution of which they shall be justly proud.

[illegible] you sent your estimates to Bro. Allen? If it will, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] boarding school for 1854. Can you send them soon?

Please to assure Miss Hough, [illegible] [illegible] that my thoughts are often at [illegible]. I am much interested in the enterprise; & shall [illegible] [illegible] of its prosperity. May the Lord be with them from the very beginning! May his presence abide with them evermore! The destiny of [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. Begin right, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible].

Affectionate regards to Mrs. R. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
W. S. [illegible]

P.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mis. Home [illegible]

Oct. 25, 185[illegible]

Rev. [illegible];

[illegible] Dear Sir.

[illegible] Mr. C. [illegible] is wishing to engage in the missionary work as a teacher. We have no place for him as a [illegible], but if he could make the [illegible] language [illegible] a knowledge [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for, perhaps we could find him a field.

Rev. [illegible], his pastor, says you are acquainted with him. Is he the man in spirit, tact, judgment, talents, & attainments [illegible] the ministry, & a [illegible] [illegible] to become a [illegible] useful missionary? If you will [illegible] to these questions, you will oblige

Yours truly [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
Sept. 28. 1853

Rev. [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir

Mr. W. C. [illegible] has professed a willingness to engage in the missionary work as a teacher. I think that we have no place for a mere teacher but if he could acquire the Choctaw language, & become a licensed preacher, & finally receive ordination, having the proper qualifications for a full missionary, perhaps we could give him a field.

His brother, Rev. [illegible], says you are acquainted with him. Is he a proper person, in health, piety, talents, attainments, & good sense, [illegible] would he become a good & useful missionary? Your early [illegible] reply [illegible]

[illegible]

Missionary House, Boston.
Sept. 28. 1853

Miss [illegible]
Ojibwa.—

Dear Miss B.

Your letter of Aug. 12 only reached me in good time for the annual report. I was glad to hear right in regard to the [illegible] of the school.

So long as Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler shall need or retain you at Bad River, I sincerely hope you will consent to remain. I feel that they need all the sympathy and support which we can give; for theirs is a [illegible] a lonely life.

Our thoughts, I trust, you will keep in mind & do my. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Very sincerely yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mission House Rooms,
~~[illegible] 1853~~
Nov. 28. 1853

Rev. A. A. [illegible]
[illegible] —

Dear Brother

Your favor of [illegible] arrived at the office. Since just after I left for Cincinnati. As whole thing will have reached the [illegible] before this; your petition may have taken place in regard to that location. On this point I have no settled opinion. It seems to me desirable that we have one or two more stations in the northern part of the nation; but I leave the matter to your better judgment. [illegible] well at your station.

Truly yours. [illegible]

[illegible] Rooms,
Oct. 19, [illegible]

Rev. J. L. Hall,
Green Bay.

Dear Brother,

Allow me to acknowledge your [illegible] of Aug. 29, Sept. 11 & Oct. 10. Having been [illegible] at the end of June to charge the [illegible] of the Com. since my letter of Sept. 10. Since the Indian Department has been turned [illegible] we have the [illegible] inspection [illegible] Ojibways. We must wait a little longer, [illegible] of [illegible].

We have a strong conviction that [illegible] of our church to the Indians are [illegible] from those which rest upon us in [illegible] to the residue of the heathen world. Hence we conduct our operations in this department on principles which we would not apply [illegible]. The Com. are always ready to do any thing for the Indian missions, which has any promise of good that is [illegible] at all with the [illegible]; and tho' we are often disappointed in our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] in our [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] before, as you know; & I [illegible] for your encouragement. [illegible] be [illegible]. I [illegible] I write you again

[illegible] Home Board

[illegible] of God. [illegible] hope you accomplish [illegible] [illegible]. You are making an experiment that may fail; this we know very well. The [illegible] of [illegible] offerings may increase your difficulties, or make success impossible. We are prepared for all this. Still, we say to you, Go on; go forward. Let us do what we can for the poor people; & the Lord will accept it at our hands. To him we affectionately commend you all, praying him to strengthen you with might by his Spirit in the inner man, [illegible]

It is quite possible that I may [illegible] in the matter, when the Com.r of Indian Affairs in reference to [illegible] & Ojibwa matters. I should like [illegible] may be [illegible] if you think any thing can be accomplished for the Ojibways in this way, I will thank you to give me your suggestions at once. I should like to make an impression on the Com.r if possible.

You will see the paper which [illegible] Cincinnati on the preservation of the Indians. [illegible] not much comfort for you, or a [illegible] to the Ojibways. But this is clearly true, viz. that the preservation of the Indians & the [illegible], has [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] of this.

[illegible] to all [illegible]

Yr brother in Christ, S. B. Treat

Immediately on receiving [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible], I requested [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] a new [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Jan. 6. 18[illegible].

[illegible]. — Dear Brother

Your favor of [illegible] [illegible] reached [illegible] days ago. I was very glad to hear from you, & to learn, especially, that your thoughts & mine have been turned in the same direction, i.e. to some need of the Spirit's [illegible]. My soul is at times much [illegible] by a conviction of our urgent necessity. The [illegible] purity and the power of the Highest [illegible] displayed in the midst of them. And oh! that we could have precious revivals at all our missionary stations! What a blessing would it be! Our Indian [illegible] generally are in great want of a heavenly visitation. What will become of the [illegible], unless the Lord shall see fit to appear for them?

I hope there will be some movement in these parts, [illegible], & [illegible] spiritual religion. The flood of [illegible] is [illegible] the life of our churches. [illegible] brother, [illegible] a [illegible] for a [illegible] change; [illegible] will [illegible] enter the [illegible] of our own [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of all [illegible]. Is it not wonderful [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?

Immediately on hearing from you in the matter of the bogus bill, I requested the Union to print a new edition. He promised to do so, but he has been hindered by the pressure of his engagements. Still, however, it will be out in a few days.

In the case of Mr Freeman. Upon having [illegible] said something to our disadvantage in respect to the Slavery matter. He has done this on other occasions. The Com^ee were much dissatisfied with Mr Freeman's course; & more for holding a stricter measure than any of the Committee advised. I thought it right that he should prepare emancipation papers, to become operative when the slave had worked out her freedom; but he would not do so much as this, & proposed to separate from us, though we had said nothing about a separation. To his proposal the Com. assented. He has not the best frame of temperament; but the Com^ee certainly had.

It has long been a first [illegible] that Mr Freeman has not given himself wholly to preaching Christ: with the spirit of Pliny Fisk or Wm [illegible] he might have done immense good for the Cherokees. Alas! He has [illegible] his [illegible] too much. But he has done as much preaching since he left us, as he did before; & no doubt the [illegible] conversation we were having him.

R & S must pass. Christian [illegible] to tell Byington & Mr B. & [illegible].

Most fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Nov. 3. 1853

Rev. J. Porter
Tennessee. Dear Brother

Have just received the estimate of your appropriations ... time for the Board. Being ... to pay upon them. Indeed, the appropriations are already made for the missions beyond sea. Will you give the needful information?

Will you also state the amount that you are entitled to, if no ... the title of your place? The parish, Shelvin, is $150. How much is the interest?

The funeral of Mrs. Hill is to be ... Tues. P.M. The ... of ... Regards to all. ... S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 4. 1853

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora.

Dear Brother

Do you need any clothing for your boarding school? If so, I think the Park St. Ladies' Miss. Soc. will aid you. If you wish for assistance in this matter, please to ask Miss Rogers or Miss Peck to write to Miss Sarah W. Stebbins, stating just what you want, size, quality, amount &c, & send the letter to me. Some account of the aim & design of the school, of Tuscarora children, & the people generally, would be useful; anything in short to interest such a Soc. Regards to all. Yrs. &c. S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 5 1853

Rev. [illegible],
Tuscarora Res.

Dear Bro.

I will say a word now in regard to the wood-house. Unless there will be decidedly perceptible economy in postponing its erection, I would recommend that it be built now. Perhaps it will be more convenient for you to [illegible]. As it regards the payment of $100, or so, it will make but little difference whether it is made this winter or next spring. That need not be a governing consideration, therefore.

As ever, Truly Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Board
Nov 8 1853

Rev A. Gleason,
Senecas. —

Dear Brother
My wife has written fully in regard to your daughter's visit; on that point I need say nothing. Mrs T. is better than she was at Cincinnati; & I hope she will go through the winter without difficulty.

I hope to hear that the Lord is among the Senecas with great power. My heart is much set upon a revival. Ask all the brethren & sisters, in my name, to be much in prayer for this richest of all blessings.

Kind regards to all. Truly yours G B Treat

Miss. House Boston

Rev Asher Wright
Tuscarora,

Dear Brother

The new Sec. of State for New York Genl Leavenworth is an old friend of mine. Can we use this fact to help forward the education of the Senecas? I may have some influence with him; at least we can have a fair hearing. Can you suggest any feasible plan? Think of it.

Affect. regards to all &c,

Truly

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 11, 1853

Rev Wm Hall, Nov 11 1853
Senecas — Dear Brother

The Whig Gov. of State for New York, Gov. Leavenworth, is an old friend of mine. Now is the time, therefore, to see if something cannot be done to induce the State to aid the Senecas in the matter of education. Please to confer with Bro Potter on the subject, & send me your thoughts. Let us have a good, feasible plan, adapted to your Reservations & perhaps we may get an appropriation. At the proper time I will see the Gov. Sincerely, [illegible] WB [illegible]

Truly yours

Miss. Home Barton
Nov. 11. 1853

Miss M. J. F. Thayer,
Tuscarora

Miss. Home Barton
Nov 11 1853

Rev G. Rockwood
Tuscarora —

Dear Brother

Newspapers announce the election of an early friend of mine as Secy of State in New York. I know not how much influence I may have, but I think we can have a fair hearing of your wants, &c. Please to think just what we should ask for the Tuscaroras, conferring with your people, if best, & let me know in due time. I do not wish to keep them from doing what they can all the while.

Yours &c. [illegible] [illegible]

Oct. 11. 1853

Miss R. F. Thayer

Syracuse—

Dear Miss T.

Your letters of Oct. 5, 8, 10 & 11, were duly received & carefully perused. From the tenor of the last of these communications I presume you do not wish me to go into all the questions discussed in the previous letters, and it so happens, as it often does, that I have no time for works of supererogation. You will excuse, therefore, the brevity of my reply.

I have thought much of you all at Mt. Hope, since my return from the West. I have also conferred with the Com^ee in respect to the arrangements proper for your school. On the whole, I feel quite satisfied that the best thing has been done for all concerned. So think the Com^ee. When I went to Buffalo, I was a good deal troubled. I did not know what was best. But on consulting with Mr. Rockwood & Miss Peck, & ascertaining just what part they would assume, the problem seemed to me to be solved. I am fully persuaded, it is of the Lord.

I trust you, therefore, will continue to rejoice in this arrangement. It takes from

you a class of labors & duties which are not particularly feminine, & you know that none else can properly discharge them!! Your present sphere is a very important one. You have the moulding of the habits & character of the pupils, more than Miss Peck. It devolves upon you, to attend especially to their spiritual habits & interests, & train them up in the way in which they should go, commending them constantly to the grace of God in Christ Jesus. It will be yours, moreover, to impart habits of order neatness & industry, such as a properly trained female should possess.

Surely, here is a field sufficient for your zeal & utmost desire to do good. I trust you will be content with this. My observation in regard to boarding schools has taught me that it is of the first importance for those engaged in them to have each her own sphere & confining herself to it. In her own department let her be supreme.

But I must close. I earnestly pray that the God of peace & love may dwell with you largely; so that your own heart may be filled with his fullness, & your pupils may become partakers of the heavenly calling. Kind greetings to [illegible] & [illegible] B. Kind please to accept the assurance of my affectionate regard

S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Nov 11. 1853

Rev. W. Willey
Andover Mass.

Dear Brother

Your protracted absence from Dwight has obliged me to consider the just demands of that station. When you came to New England, I supposed you would soon return to the Cherokee Nation. It was with this expectation, that I urged Mr Hitchcock to remain & care for the interests of the Board at Dwight. I had no thought, however, that he would be required to stay so long. Nothing that you have said to me, or written, gives me any clue to your return. I am not informed whether it will be six months, one year, or two years hence.

In these circumstances, I have felt that Mr Wentz should be sent to Dwight; but he has not been so called there permanently. I have also written to Mr. Hitchcock to know whether he desires to remain at Dwight, & whether he and Mr Wentz can labor harmoniously & pleasantly together. If it shall appear that they can do so, the Com^ee may decide to have them occupy the Station hereafter.

You will understand that the Com^ee have taken no action as yet; & I write that

you may [illegible] your [illegible] in the premises [illegible] Of course they will [illegible] whether you [illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible]

I [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible]

I am, [illegible]

Very [illegible]

yours

[illegible]

Miss. House Boston

Nov 16. 1853

Rev. J. C. Lowrie

New York

Dear Brother

Will you have the goodness to give me the name of Mr Edwards among the Choctaws & also inform me whether Mr Edwards has been ordained? In the report of the Indian Presbytery to the Genl. Assembly, he is put down as a licentiate; or at least "J. Edwards" is so put down.

Very truly,

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
[illegible] Nov 19 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir

Your friendly epistle of [illegible] is duly received & I have read it over every word with care & interest. I am glad to have your account of the earliest missionary efforts among the Senecas. I have felt a deep interest in those Indians; & I pray the Lord to grant them all a place in his heavenly Kingdom.

I have not professed "desire" that the Indians may mingle with the whites, & be lost among them. I would leave that question to Providence. I would do nothing to hasten their amalgamation; but let God work out the problem in his own way & time. I would have no force applied; but I would let the Indians come into the great American family, when they shall desire it, & intermarry with the whites, when the parties wish to do so. This is all that I hold in regard to amalgamation.

I agree with you entirely in respect to the importance of missionaries getting the language of the Indians. We generally require those whom we send to the different tribes to prepare to

preach in the native tongue. Mr Bates, on the Allegany Reservation, has begun to preach in Seneca; & I hope he will become a good Seneca scholar.

We favor the teaching of schools in the Seneca; & something is done in this way, particularly among the pagans. The Sabbath school studies the teaching in Seneca on the Cattaraugus Reservation. I should doubt the expediency of giving up English teaching altogether; but I will not go into that question.

As the mode of writing Seneca has become fixed & settled, it seems undesirable to make any change in the same. Even if we have not hit upon the best system, it is too late to make any important alterations.

Very respectfully
Yrs
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Nov 23. 1853

To the Choctaw Mission
Miss. Rooms Boston
Nov 19. 1853

Rev Wm Hall

Dear Brother

I have received another box of clothing for your station, or rather for the boarding school, which will be sent to Stockbridge with the Miss. Herald. It would be well for some one to acknowledge the donation in a letter to Miss Sarah W. Hubbard; which may be sent here. Do you want any more clothing? If so, inform me at once.

Very truly,
Yours,
S. B. Treat

[illegible] Rooms, [illegible]
Nov 23. 1853

To the Chestnut [illegible]
Dear Brethren

I have received your full & interesting statistical report, & read the same with much interest. Its completeness & satisfactoriness have led me to inquire whether you can not make it out at your Spring meeting; whereby you would avoid the necessity of reporting statistics twice in the summer, & secure me against the risk of [illegible] in our Annual Report. We regret spending [illegible] our tables incomplete; but according to the present plan, there is always a liability to this result. Without any fault on the part of anyone, I may fail to receive the necessary data.

There may be reasons against a change which do not occur to me. If there is no serious difficulty in the way, I think it worthy of consideration, whether you may not alter the time.

As ever, most affectionately
Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Nov 21. 1853

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother.

For your favor of Oct 6, & the statistical reports I am greatly obliged. I am very sorry it did not reach me two days sooner. In that case, I could have completed the table in the Annual Report.

If you think well of the change suggested in the letter to the mission sent herewith, perhaps you can get the brethren to have their statistics ready at the next spring meeting.

Mr Holmes has formally offered himself as a missionary. If the mission do not want him, do not hesitate to say so. Fraternally yours, S B Treat

[illegible]

Aug. 30. [illegible]

Rev. [illegible]

[illegible] Mission

Dear Brother

Your favor of Oct. 6, with others duly received; the Read. Com^ee have formally appointed you & Mrs. [illegible] as missionaries of the Board. I understand that you have not received ordination as yet; hence we cannot appoint you a missionary, but when you shall be ordained, however, you will become a "missionary" ipso facto. I presume the event will take place very soon.

You seem to expect some instructions from the Com. But your experience in military life will make this unnecessary, hence I shall attempt nothing of the kind, in a formal way. I sometimes call the attention of young missionaries to three things, which I may term the three first things for one entering on the new sphere of life. 1. Keep the heart with all diligence. 2. Keep the body in good working order. 3. Master the language, as soon as practicable. In other words "the three first things" are, a healthy soul, a health of the body and acquisition of the language.

I doubt not you will agree with me herein.

The [illegible] of the [illegible] Missionary [illegible]

Character is fitted in such a [illegible] of Christian [illegible] sympathy. We need helpers from in the ministry, both at home & abroad. Why I feel deeply the [illegible] also that my own deficiencies are sad & fearful. But I believe that Christ will raise up a "better" seed to serve him; & this thought comforts me. If we mar his works, let others come after us, who shall honor him more perfectly.

In looking at your particular field, you will doubtless perceive that your first duty is to the church & people committed to your oversight. Let the gospel be preached earnestly & faithfully, with a humble & prayerful reliance upon the Spirit, in the absence of whose favor the labors of the ministry are utterly in vain. Let all proper agencies be brought in to aid you, that so the word may have free course.

If you gain such a mastery of the language, as I hope you will, & expect also, you will be able to do much in the way of translation. But on this I need not dwell. Your attention will have been directed to the subject by others, more competent to speak in reference thereto than I am.

I am sure that I need not commend Mrs. Wright to your kindest Christian regard. She deserves great praise for the amount of good which she has done among the

Choctaws; & she is in feeble health [illegible]
especially at the present time. She has [illegible]
husband, who has [illegible] him in carrying
forward the work of the Saviour among
our Great High Priest, pour his richest conso-
lations into her afflicted spirit!

Please to assure Mrs. E. as well as
[illegible] you of my sincere regard, & believe me

Your affectionate brother
& fellow laborer in
the Lord

S. B. Treat

P. S. I have been told that you were born
in Steuben Co. N. Y. Are you related to
Judge Edwards of Bath, whom I knew 20
years ago, when I was a lawyer in those
parts?

Miss. Home Board
Nov 25 1853

Miss. Home Board
Nov 23. 1853

Rev T. H. Holmes
Waverly, Ill.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 9th I have just received. Shall previously written to the Choctaw mission, to know if they desired you to join their ranks. When a brother or sister has labored in connection with a mission, we always ask their opinion in regard to the expediency of his or her joining them. The reasons of this course are obvious. When I receive their answer, I will inform you.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Hou. [illegible]

of [illegible], [illegible] Mr [illegible] those what to put in. This can be stereotyped also an Appendix edition is struck off. Please [illegible] plates & [illegible]

Dear Sir,

Send herewith part of a letter from Mr Byington in relation to a new edition of his hymnbook. Mr Mason at first ~~had~~ had the job & he held it on hand a long time & he now thinks that Mr Benedict had better do it, because he can make the alterations with the same type.

The plates have gone to Mr Benedict's office. Please, therefore, to take the book sent herewith & have at once, also have, correct the plates, & strike off an edition of 500, & bind them. Then send them to Rev. C. Kingsbury, Doaksville, Choctaw Nation via New Orleans. "The sooner, the better."

I hope Mr Benedict will bind them strong. We hear frequent complaints in this respect from the mission. He will see what Mr Byington says about the title page.

I have not selected any English hymns, because our books are different from yours. Please to tell Mr. Wood to do it. In addition to the 4 Sab. hymns, & the 4 for morning & evening, add enough to make out the form. I would suggest those of a general character, speaking

of Christ, &c &c. Mr Wood will know what to put in. These can be stereotyped also.

After the edition is struck off, please to send the plates to us in Boston.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Rev. R. Walley,
Andover, Ms.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 25th ult. received to day. I have no purpose to go into the subjects discussed in your letter; but I write to say that it will be best to defer the interview which you propose till I hear from Mr. Woolcott. His answer will doubtless have some bearing on the points in question & let us have all the light we can get. When I have the desired information, I will write to you.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Nov 26. 1853

Rev. N. Willey
Andover Me.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 25th I have received to day. I do not propose to go into the subject discussed in your letter; but I write to say that it will be best to defer the interview which you propose till I hear from Mr. Whitcomb. His answer will doubtless have some bearing on the points in question & let us have all the light we can get. When I have the desired information, I will write to you.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston

Nov. 29th 1853

Hon. Walter Lowrie

Philadelphia P.a.

Dear Sir.

[illegible] Bombay. Since Mr. [illegible] was removed to Ahmednuggur, & [illegible] after his release, I desire formally to tender to you & to your Com.e our thanks for the very great favor which you have done us. In no other way I am sure, could we have filled that important place so well. The remembrance of your generous surrender of a valued missionary for the relief of our necessities will be long cherished by us.

Allow me to inquire if we ought not to pay

Miss Annie Barton

you something on account of the
& other Edwards's [illegible] of that which
[illegible] was ignored from your territory.
I think you have a fair claim
upon us; & I have no doubt our
Com[mitt]ee will take pleasure in ac-
knowledging its justice.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Yours

L. B. Kent

Miss. House Boston

Dec. 2. 1853

Rev. C. L. Mills

N. Bridgewater.

Dear Brother

I have just received yours of the 30th & thank you for your interest in our matters. I write now to enquire when Mr & Mrs Mayhew could go to the Choctaws, if they go at all? If they are not ready to depart this winter, it would be hardly worth their while to set out before next fall, as the spring is not the best time for entering on the work in that climate.

If Mr & Mrs M. can go soon, will you see them forthwith, & expedite matters as fast as possible. If not, I may suggest a different course. Truly yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Dec. 6. 1853

Miss. Home Boston
Dec. 6. 1853

Rev C. L. Mills
North Bridgewater Ms.

Dear Brother

I will try to go to your place Thursday 1/2 PM as you propose. I can talk about the Indians in the evening, if you wish.

In haste

Truly

S. B. Treat

Mission Rooms, Boston
Dec 6. 1853

Miss Esther Smith,
Oberlin Ohio.

Dear Miss Smith

Before your return to the Ojibways, I heard that you were uttering complaints in regard to my treatment of yourself, but as you were to leave the [illegible], & go back to the field of your former labors, where I supposed you would not think of repeating the same words, I concluded to take no notice of the matter. But I now learn to my surprise that you complain of me on [illegible] any ground, to the injury of the cause which we both espouse & love, & [illegible] the [illegible] love.

If it happens that I have, in ignorance, been [illegible] of offence, as I may have done many inadvertently, I write to ask you to specify the wrong, that I may have an opportunity to make amends for myself. Were I alone concerned in this matter, I should say nothing. But I cannot consent that the cause of missions shall suffer from any supposed or alleged misconduct of mine, without an effort to put the matter right. Please let me hear from you at an early day.

Very sincerely
Yours
[illegible]

Head Qrs. W. [illegible] Boston

Dec. 9. '63

Mr. A. Morris

Dear Sir.

Please to send of [illegible] to Geo. W. Lewis, Centre Co. with the enclosed note, & oblige in your [illegible] with Mr. Hill

Truly

Yours

G. B. Fenner

Mission House

Aug. 1853

Hon. W. ...

myself the honor to submit some remarks to the Indian Department, in reference to the contract made by Maj. Watrous & Rev. S. Hall, the former acting for the ... the American Board ... in reference to the ... the same by ... decision ... have hoped ... its final ... Gov. ... upon some basis. But I have just learned from Mr Hall, with great surprise, that he is still kept in suspense; that he is suffering great inconvenience & loss from the delay; that he is becoming disheartened ... the Ojibwas; & that, if any thing is to be done, it is indispensable that it should be done immediately. The postponement of action for a few weeks would be disastrous; & we should probably retire from the field, hopeless & sorrowful, yet feeling that the responsibility of giving up the Ojibwas did not rest upon us.

... the opinion of our Com. in reference to the ... to the Choctaws ... for sale to ... surrounding ... to look for the contract.

Very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible] as [illegible]

in my hands when [illegible]. [illegible]

may be distinctly presented. I request that [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] to [illegible]

the Indian Department, in regard [illegible] made by Maj. Whiting & Rev. J. Hall, the former acting for the U. S. Govt & the latter for the American Board, more especially in reference to the alteration proposed [illegible] issued by Gov. Ramsey. I have hoped to have the decision of the Department for many months; & have hoped that, though [illegible] not apprised of its final determination, the proper officers of the Govt had received directions to proceed upon some basis. But I have just learned from Mr Hall, with great surprise, that he is still kept in suspense; that he is suffering great inconvenience & loss from the delay; that he is becoming disheartened in his efforts to benefit the Ojibwas; & that, if any thing is to be done, it is indispensable that it should be done immediately. The postponement of action for a few weeks would be disastrous; & we should probably retire from the field, [illegible], yet feeling that the responsibility of giving up the Ojibwas did not rest upon us.

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]

may be detained [illegible]

& the contract be suspended, [illegible] ordering [illegible]

or, if this may not be allowed, I [illegible]

post the contract, by [illegible]

the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that we may [illegible]

[illegible] without delay.

If the Department does not [illegible]

[illegible] such directions, I [illegible]

of the fact, that we may recall the [illegible]

[illegible] at any ... may require.

[illegible] of the fact, that [illegible] abandon the enterprise, &c.

I trust, therefore, that you [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] ... I will inform you.

Very respectfully

Your obt svt

S. B. [illegible]

Sec. of the [illegible]

Meantime, whatever you may think of public men, try to think [illegible] all, [illegible]. [illegible] the same, keeping [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] both [illegible]. [illegible] in the [illegible] he [illegible] all his [illegible] suffering people. This is better than the [illegible] government. [illegible] in a [illegible]

Mis. Rooms, [illegible]
Dec. 7, 1853

Rev. S. Hall,
Dear Bro. —

Your favor of Nov. 15 has just been received. I am greatly surprised at the course pursued by the Govt. though I suspect that the delay is owing in part to the absence of the Com. on official business. I have written a very decided letter to them, asking that some decision may be made at once & asking that directions be given to place the means at your disposal for carrying out the contract. If this is not done, I request to be apprised of the fact, that we may abandon the enterprise, &c.

I trust, therefore, that you will hear thro the employés of the Govt. that something is settled & that soon. If I hear, as I shall hope to do very soon, I will inform you.

Meantime, whatever you may think of public men, try to rest at & know who is over all, & blessed forever. He is ever the same, keeping covenant & showing mercy. [illegible] of them to your little girls. The Son of Man was in the furnace (c. Dan.) & he is with all his tried & suffering people. This is better than the favor of human government. Respects to all.

Yours ever & c. S. B. Treat

Mt. Vernon [illegible]

Dec. [illegible]

Rev C. L. [illegible]

N. [illegible]

Dear Bro.

Yesterday I found that a cold was stealing upon me. Last night my throat kept me awake till very late and this morning. I [illegible] the same [illegible] in that state when the slightest exposure will bring it on my throat and [illegible]. We are now at the beginning of our winter campaign. We had begun operations at once, but a poor throat is a poor instrument for such business, as you know. Brethren say they [illegible] & shall [illegible]. I am very sorry.

Can not [illegible] come to me Friday or Saturday? I shall be at

Miss. House, Boston
Apr. 8. 1853

Rev. Wm Hall,
Seneca Mission.

Dear Brother

home, & we can talk over matters,
I see [illegible] should be done right.
I shall be at the Miss. House from
5 to 2 & 3 to 6. Shall be
glad to see him.

Yours, in haste,
but very sincerely
S. B. Treat

[illegible] will say a few [illegible] the boarding school [illegible] one for [illegible] boys & one for [illegible] girls [illegible] Seneca [illegible] the expense of the day school [illegible] what do you think of our returning the boarding school as it is, enlarging it perhaps. [illegible] to such a school? What sum should be allowed?

(3) When the mission approve of your returning, I presume the Comee will affirm it. We shall hesitate to do other. Have you suggested your brother taking your place in [illegible] same sort, to there or to here? Has he health for all that he would do in that event? Would he receive a license in due time? Would the Indians like the plan? If all seem to favor the idea, I shall think well of it.

(4) As you speak of the house, allow me to ask what is its present value, with the land belonging to it? Is the title perfect in the Board, deed recorded, &c. What is the state of the title of the boarding house property?

(5) The Treasurer will say nothing in regard to the remaining—

Rev. Wm. Hall

Seneca Mission, [illegible]

Dear Brother

I have received yours of [illegible] & will say a few words in reply. (1) We might say two boarding schools are wanted on your Reservation, one for 50 boys & one for 50 girls. Do you [illegible]? Are there any obstacles to the plan [illegible]? Are there any growing out of Seneca bickerings & jealousies, or any thing else? Can any thing be done toward throwing the expense of the day-schools upon the State? And what do you think of our retaining the boarding-school as it is, enlarging it perhaps, the State allowing us so much a scholar? What sum should be allowed?

(2) When the mission approve of your retiring, I presume the Comee will assent to it. We shall hesitate till then. Have you suggested your brother taking your place, in some sort, to them or to him? Has he health for all that he would do in that event? Would he receive a license in due time? Would the Indians like the plan? If all seem to favor the idea, I shall think well of it.

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(4) The Treasurer will say nothing in regard to the [illegible]

your attendance. [illegible] should have been furnished for its [illegible]. That is the [illegible]

In [illegible] the way, notify your [illegible] in regard to your resignation at once, it will be well to send a note to the 3 trustees [illegible], [illegible] of your leaving, & stating your plans in regard to [illegible], & also mentioning your wish in reference to the house. If they fully [illegible] your wishes, the Com. will [illegible]. They may give their opinions without a meeting.

Kind remembrances to Mrs Hall & children

Very truly

Yours

G. B. [illegible]

[illegible] will have [illegible] to secure [illegible] of the [illegible] you can have it, if you will take [illegible] then interested in the school [illegible] direction & have the apparatus purchased, & it will be sent to Little Valley, [illegible] to the [illegible] & reach its destination [illegible] the letter requires.

Hope to hear that the [illegible] upon your school. May [illegible] of the presence of the Lord [illegible] together, [illegible] for the blessing [illegible] our hearts will be greatly refreshed.

Kind regards to Mrs. Hunt, [illegible]

Affectly yours

G. B. [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 18th 1853

Mr. B. F. Hall, N.Y.
Seneca Mission.

Dear Brother

Yours of Nov 29 I have duly received, & I now reply very briefly. (1) I informed the Park St. Youths' Miss. Soc. of the state of things in Allegany, & they have taken the matter in hand. You will hear from them, I doubt not. If you wish to receive annual assistance of this sort, I presume you can have it, if you will take pains & keep them interested in the school. (2) I have given directions to have the apparatus purchased; & it will be sent to Little Valley, via Erie Rail Road. It will take longer to reach its destination than this letter requires.

I hope to hear that the Spirit is poured out upon your school. Alas! for all such institutions, if the presence of the Lord is withheld! Strive together, all of you, for this blessing, & surely your own hearts will be greatly refreshed.

Kind regards to Mrs. Hall, & all with you.

Affectly yours

S. B. Treat

Mis. Hse. Buts

Dec. 8. 1853

Hon. E. W. Leavenworth,

Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Friend

I have rejoiced much in your election as Sec. of State in N.Y. partly because of our early friendship, & partly because of a hope that you may do something for my people, the Senecas & Tonawandas, which will tell upon their destiny. Your State has a deep interest in their social & moral improvement; & it has the power to aid materially in their development. I am happy to say that it has shown great readiness to assist them; & I hope & trust this will be the policy hereafter.

These Indians need a better educational system. You are doing something; so are we. But they really need good boarding-schools. This we find to be true of all Indians. In connection with the common branches, the boys should learn how to work. This is of the first importance. But I will not enlarge on this point.

There are some difficulties in the way of adopting the best system, especially on the Cattaraugus Reservation. It will be necessary

therefore to proceed with caution. I think we (myself & the missionaries) can help you materially, if you feel inclined to attempt something, by information & suggestion. We have one man at Cattaraugus, Mr Wright, whose opinions are of great value in all such matters. He should not be known perhaps as an adviser; but I should not think of taking any step without being apprised of his sentiments. If you have any occasion to consult him, his address is: Rev. Asher Wright, Versailles, Catt. Co. N.Y.

I do not know what you propose to do in the matter of Indian schools; but if I were to suggest any thing now, it would be that in your first communication to the legislature, you speak of the importance of educating these people, &c &c, without committing yourself to any plan. You might refer to a plan to be submitted perhaps at a future day, when matured.

Mr Wright thinks that a communication from you to the Seneca Council, (to meet very soon,) urging the importance of looking at their changed circumstances, & securing the advantages of education, before it shall be too late for them to be preserved from hopeless degradation in the community by which they are surrounded; would do much good.

I shall be very happy to hear from you on the topic at your convenience.

Kind regards to Mrs S. & your mother. Yours &c S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Dec. 8th 1853

Rev. Mr. Atkinson,
Oregon City, Or.

Dear Brother

I send three notes & one for our missionary, to your address, as I am not sure that I have this correctly. Will you have the goodness to forward the inclosed?

I suppose you have no knowledge of the matter presented in the notes, (which you can read,) but if you have, I shall be grateful for any information you may send me.

We have given Doctor & others to Grant dismission for her health.

Regards to Mrs A. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Dec. 8 1853

Rev. H. H. Spalding,
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

The Meth. Miss. Soc. are bring-ing forward the note given by Dr. Whitman for property received with the Dalles Station, asking why we should not pay it. Are we liable? What are the facts?

I understood from you at the time, that the note was to be of no force, after the Station was restored to the Methodists. Was it not so? I shall be obliged to you, if you will give me the true history of the case.

As ever, very fraternally yours,
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston

Dec. 6 1853

Rev. G. Cally
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

The Methodist Miss. Soc. have raised the question of the payment of the note which Dr. Whitman gave for the personal property he received with the Dalles station. Shall suppose that when the station was given up to them, they agreed to give up the note, & claim indemnity from the U. S. Govt. Am I right? Any facts bearing on this question will be gratefully received.

Kind regards to Mrs. Cally

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 8. 1853

Rev. E. Walker
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

As the Meth. Miss. Soc. are raising the question of the payment of the note given by Dr. Whitman for property which he received with the Dalles Station, I desire to get at the facts. How are we liable? Can you throw any light on this matter? I had supposed that when the station was given back to the Methodists, the note was to be no longer in force. Was it not so? Your answer will oblige me.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. W.

Very sincerely yrs,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 8 1853

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca —

Dear Brother

Yours of Nov 25 I have recd. I am sorry that there are any obstacles to doing the right thing for the Senecas, in the way of education; but we may effect some change for the better. I have written to Gov. Seymour, suggesting that he refer to the importance of the subject, in his first report or communication to the legislature, but not commit himself to any one plan; also that he write to the Seneca Council, as you proposed. I have stated that there are difficulties, but that we may be able to help him to a wise course, if he is disposed to act in the case.

If we can hit upon no good plan, what would you think of the State's allowing us (say) $50 each for the girls in the Allegheny school, as also in the Tuscarora school?

Mr Wm Hall is still anxious to leave. He [illegible] that Franklin can conduct meetings, as a sort of local preacher. How would this plan work? Can F. be brought forward, so as to be licensed, & help Bro. Bolton sufficiently, & still keep the school going? Or can he do this as well without a license? Will the Indians be satisfied? & is he has health, or is competent, we dare [illegible]
the support of one family [illegible]

Mis. House Boston

Mar. 6. 1853

Mr. Hale is out of the country, I believe. How you will get that book I don't know. Only 250 were printed. Suppose you write to some one at Washington, your M.C. & ask him to get one; which may not be. We have a copy, & I suppose Mr Anderson would send it to you for a season, if he could be sure it would come back unharmed. This plan may work, if the other doesn't.

Affect. regards to Mrs. W. & all with you

Very fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Dec. 8. 1853

To the Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brethren.

Your estimates for 1854 have been laid before the Prud. Com.ee & approved. They have also added $120 for Mrs. Wright, being the sum which she herself named.

I believe it has been already intimated to you, that when items of expenditure are increased, or new ones added, we desire an explanation. This is very important. And generally, if there is an omission here, the Com.ee refuse to make the allowance asked. They say that they cannot act understandingly in voting away the money entrusted to them. We have departed from our rule, & allowed $600 to Kowalski, though no reason was given for the increase.

The Com.ee do not like gross estimates, unless they can see at once how they are made up. They have allowed $700 to Mr. Hotchkin, & $600 to Mr Lansing, supposing that something is added to their salaries; but what we do not know. We hope we shall be permitted to see how the aggregates are made up hereafter.

These may, seem to be small matters; but in a large system of missions, they become important. Yours &c, &c.

S. B. Treat

Mr. H. B. Wright,
Charles Mobile.—

Miss. Home Boston
Dec. 8 1853

Rev John Edwards
Charleston.—

Dear Brother

I have this day ordered Fürst's Heb. Conc. & Winer's N.T. Grammar from Germany for you. They cannot reach us till Spring; but I will try & get them to you as soon as may be.

I yesterday sent Mr Loomis $100 towards the outfit & expenses of yourself & Mrs E. It was our proposition. The Com. deemed it right & equitable.

Affect. respects to Mrs. E.

Very sincerely yours

S B Treat

Mis. Rooms [illegible] Boston
Miss. House [illegible]
Nov. 8 1853

Mrs. H. B. Wright,
Chippeway Mission.

Dear Madam

Your favor of Oct 14 has been received & read with interest & sympathy. I congratulate you most cordially in having Mr & Mrs. [illegible] with you. The desire of your heart is granted to you, beyond what you could have anticipated with any degree of confidence.

With great cheerfulness the Com^ee have allowed you $200 though not in the estimates. The money intrusted to you, we doubt not, will be well expended.

I regret to hear so discouraging account of Miss Bigelow. Poor girl! She deserves our sympathy; & trust the Great High Priest is with her. If I had known that Miss Barker was [illegible] you in the school, I should not have pressed Miss Bishop into the service. We at Cincinnati knew not the arrangement; & I acted with the light which I had. It was of the Lord, however; & he will honor his holy name hereby. I am anxious to hear what arrangements you make.

Your requests have been attended to.

Kind regards to Miss Kerr.

Most respect. yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Oct. 8 1857

Mr. H. H. Coffee
[illegible] —

Dear Brother

Your favor of Oct 11. I am now to acknowledge. I read it with interest & with deep sympathy for you. The Lord has sent sickness into your household; & it will be a severe test. But he does all things wisely & well; & were could we know what he knows, we should approve of his arrangements. I hope Mrs. C's health will not suffer.

Please to assure Miss Bigelow of my profound sympathy with her. It must be a sad disappointment to her, to be laid aside in this way. But the Lord of missions has done it, in accordance with his eternal purpose. I trust she will leave herself in his hands, feeling that he is infinitely compassionate & tender. If she is living, please to assure her of my affectionate interest in her & my prayers, that she may be faithful even unto death.

It was a special favor to you, that Miss Cotton was ready to assist you. She has been a treasure unto many. May the Lord reward her.

Should you incur any extra expense on account of Miss Bigelow's sickness

Mission Home [illegible]

Aug. 9. 1850

[illegible] of [illegible] shall be ready to pay it, [illegible]

Re[illegible] after

I am glad to hear of your willingness to stay at Dr. [illegible] or [illegible] place, the Lessons, I trust, will [illegible] of your remaining

[illegible] request [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] within

Respectfully

Fraternally yours

Jos. [illegible]

Rev. Mr. G. [illegible]
Tusca[illegible]

Dear Brother

I will now report to you the allowance made by the Board for your mission:

Family	$450
Education of child.	100
Interpreting	50
Improvements	200
One horse keeping	25
Contingencies	200
Boarding school	600
	$1625

We are aware that the expenses of living here are increased; & hence $450 are allowed. In the Seneca mission we allow $400, & in some cases an additional sum for help. Do you hire help to the amount of $50 a year? If so, we should prefer saying: Family expenses $400; help $50 to accord with the other N.Y. Indian stations.

From your letters we have [illegible], and said "Improvements, $200". This includes Board of horse? We deduct $25 from Contingencies.

[illegible] the largest deduction is from the Boarding school. We suppose that $600 may not be enough

but we want the Indian Mothers [illegible]. We pay for [illegible], [illegible], in the hope that there will be sufficient [illegible]. But we cannot [illegible] you to stop the school for want of funds.

We did not include the $100 for the other school. I think that will be provided for by the State. You had better keep up the school, & if there is no other allowance, we will pay the bill.

I wrote you a few days since in regard to having something done by the State for Tuscarora education, but have received no answer. I hope I shall hear soon. Meantime, I will say that I suppose two boarding schools are really needed, one for boys & one for girls. Is it best to go for two, in our appeals for State assistance? And in reference to the one at Mr Hope, what do you think of an appropriation by the State for so many children, say $50 each, we expending the money, &c.? We might get some to aid nearly all that the people will not support.

I hope to hear from Miss Thayer & Miss Clark all about the boarding school. I take a deep interest in its prosperity.

I am very desirous to hear good things from the Tuscarora church, that they have united as one man to cry unto the Lord for a blessing. Let them set their hearts on the conversion of all the people, & then labor for that result.

Affectionate remembrances to Mrs R. & all the mission. Very fraternally yours S. B. Treat